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Humane Society Celebrates Its Fiftieth Year

By DOROTHY J. CLARK

Although the Terre Haute Humane Society will officially celebrate its golden anniversary this year, it had its actual begging as the Vigo Humane Society in 1904.

On March 26 of that year, 16 local residents signed the articles of incorporation which stated that: "The objects of this Association shall be to visit, through its membership, the homes of children who are surrounded by vicious and immoral influence or that are neglected and dependent, to dispense charity, and do and perform such reasonable and lawful acts as may be determined upon from time to time, that may prevent cruelty to and tend to the betterment of conditions of such children; to give our aid and assistance to those charged with the duty of enforcing the laws for the prevention of cruelty to animals, and to put into effect such lawful measures as this Association may from time to time determine upon for the protection of animals and the prevention of cruelty thereto."

Dorothy Clark

The Vigo Humane Society agreed to confine their activities to Vigo County and especially Terre Haute. The group of sixteen signers elected nine of their number to serve as the Board of Directors. They were: H. E. Randolph, Albert Einecke, Ernest Alden, Adolph Herz, Lewis J. Cox, Olive V. (Mrs. M. N). Diall, Julia C. Ford, Julia C. Smith and Helen Arnold. The remaining signers were: Lenore Hanna Cox, Joanna Scovell, Estelle H. Froeb, Geraldine A. Rea, Harriet E. Parsons, Annie W. Keyes and Mary A. Warren.

I've been unable to learn anything about the activities of this first group. Where there early records might be would be hard to guess.

Incorporated 1913.

The articles of incorporation for the present Terre Haute Humane Society were filed Dec. 22, 1913, and listed ten directors: Mrs. John Latshaw, Louise Steele, Ross Harriot, Mrs. S. Riley, Theo J. Steinle, L. E. Waterman, Mrs. Alex J. Scott, Elvinnette Brown, I. W. Richardson and Charles S. Batt.

They stated that the object of their corporation was to "carry on a work of preventing cruelty to all dumb animals; and by education and suggestion to induce others to treat all dumb animals in a kind and humane manner; and to aid in the prosecution of those who violate the laws governing the care and treatment of dumb animals."

I talked with Mrs. Louise Ferguson, the only living director of the 1913 incorporators. Before her marriage she was Louise Steele.

In speaking of the early days of the Humane Society, she told how the little group had to carry on the work as best they could because for many years they did not have a humane officer.

"Our winters were very cold in the past and horses would stand tied for hours in the cold," Mrs. Ferguson related. "We had tags made which read "Blanket your horse!" and I was always tying one of these tags on some horse."

"Coal wagons were always over-loaded, getting stuck in the mud and the poor horses beaten. I had an attic full of black snake whips which I had taken away from cruel drivers, and, believe it or not, I don't remember of any driver ever refusing to give up a whip."

Missions of Mercy.

Every other Sunday Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Latshaw and one of their husbands would go to Taylorville (Dresser) where conditions were very bad. They felt they were able to accomplish some good on these regular visits.

Once a month they visited the coal mines west of West Terre Haute arriving about three o'clock in the afternoon when the mules were brought up out of the mines, all with sore backs and legs.

Later, every Saturday afternoon Mrs. Ferguson would go to the Freight House at Tenth and Wabash where wagons were loaded and unloaded from a long platform. These horses were always beaten, she remembered, and by her presence she was able to save quite a few from even worse beatings.

There was very little money in the Society's treasury those days but the dedicated little group was able to have quite a few horses shod, buy a few blankets and feed for the horses.

When Mr. Elliott was the humane officer, the Society received a report that a horse belonging to a farmer just south of North Terre Haute was in need of more humane treatment. Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. Latshaw went with Mr. Elliott to investigate. They found the horse with its front leg swollen beyond description. The farmer had not called a veterinarian and was using the animal on the farm every day.

After much argument, the humane officer gave the farmer two choices—either he could allow the horse to be put out of its misery or he would be served with a warrant for his arrest. The farmer chose to have the horse killed.

For many years, the Society had no animal shelter, depending on Drs. Bratt and Archer to keep stray dogs until advertisements were placed in the newspapers and homes found for the animals. It wasn't until 1948 that the City Board of Health and the Humane Society signed a contract to take care of stray animals. The city furnished the humane officer, his truck, another man to remove dead animals and all medicines needed.

First Animal Shelter.

In 1944, the society purchased the property across the river known as Fort Heyden, a former gambling resort. With $6,500 donated by Mrs. E. L. Shaneberger, the society bought the seven lots on which there was a six-room modern house and the other buildings formerly used for gambling purposes.

In 1959, the Society purchased the home and dog kennels of Mrs. Norton on South Fruitridge avenue for $20,000 with will bequests from the estates of Mrs. Fannie Foster, the Kuhns and Mrs. Latshaw, who died in 1958.

The new Shelter was completed in the spring of 1960 and the Coates property, located directly north, was purchased for $11,000. This is used as the home of the caretakers, Kenneth and Betty Pierce.

Those persons, who have served the Society as president over the past fifty years, are: Mrs. Fred Reckert, Dr. Frank Ward, Capt. B. F. Stahl, Ernest Alden, Judge Batt, Dr. Hickman, B. F. Small, Mrs. John Latshaw, Earl Manson, Sam Beecher Jr., and, presently, Geo. Hanks.

During this anniversary year, Ralph Llewellyn will receive his forty-year pin and Mrs. Ferguson will receive her diamond fifty-five-year pin. These two have certainly heeded the slogan—"Be Kind to Animals."

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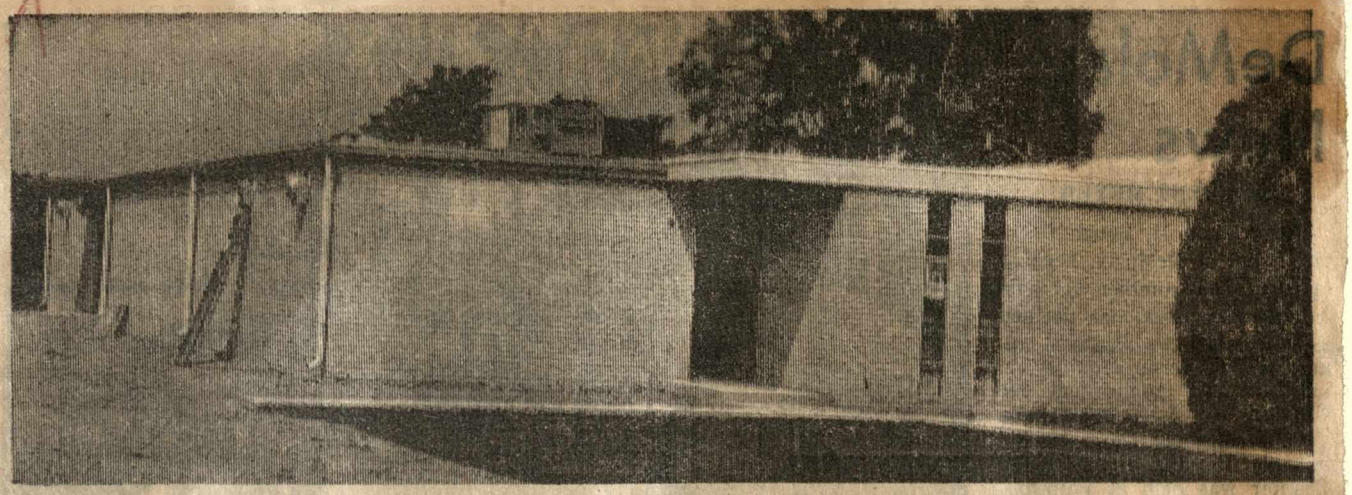

THE NEW ADDITION TO THE HUMANE SOCIETY SHELTER

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Humane Society Builds Big Addition to Shelter

Assoc. (T.H.) Community Affairs File

By JAMES McHARGUE
Tribune Staff Writer

A new animal hospital at the Terre Haute Humane Society, 1881 S. Fruitridge Ave., will open in middle or late September, according to Jerry Riley, director of the local shelter.

"We hope to be operating with a veterinarian before October, it it's possible," says Riley.

The 40x110-foot structure will increase the usable floor space of the Humane Society by 70 to 75 per cent.

"When our building we currently use was built in 1970, there were only 3,000 animals a year passing through here. Now there are over 12,000 a year and up until September, we've had to use the same floor space," the director said.

The new building will house a surgery room, doctors' offices, education room, quarantine room, dog room, cat room, utility room and a refrigeration room.

According to Riley, the new addition has been in the planning stages for over four years:

"We first started planning the new addition in 1967. We've got a lot of help from a lot of people in the last four years.

"The main purpose of the new animal hospital will be to help the Humane Society provide better services to the sick and injured animals we receive every day.

"The general public is also invited to use the facility and the proceeds from that will go right back into the operations of our Humane Society."

The society depends completely on donations and adoption fees to support and pay expenses. The city and county government pays them so much a year to take care of animals police catch, but according to Riley, the amount officials pay does not come close to the costs of keeping the animals.

The main function of the Humane Society is to prevent suffering and cruelty to animals and to educate the public in humane manners of treating animals.

"The society is sort of an orphanage for stray animals. Sure, we eventually have to put an animal to sleep if no one claims him or adopts him, but that is better than having it starve or receive injuries and suffer," said Riley.

There will continue to be problems with strays and running animals as long as people allow their dogs or cats to breed, says Riley. A lot of problems could be solved if, when a person buys or adopts a dog or cat, the owner has the animal "fixed."

The Terre Haute Humane Society currently has six employees. The building can house over 200 animals comfortably and when the new addition is completed will be able to facilitate many more.

Riley is currently interviewing veterinarians from around the country for the position at the new animal hospital and clinic.

Riley also wanted to thank his board of directors, which includes George Hanks, president; Lee Brown, treasurer; Ethyl Morgan, secretary; Sada Farmer, corresponding secretary, and Ken Davis, vice president.

Also, board members Peggy Van Horn, Joyce Burns, Flo Bopp and Amy Wigginton.

Newlin-Johnson Development, Inc., are the general contractors for the project.

Humane Shelter Will Remain in Operation

"The Humane Shelter will remain open." This statement was issued by Shelter Manager B. E. Dudgeon at the Humane Society meeting Tuesday evening. The statement was confirmed by members of the board of directors at the meeting.

However, it may be possible that the contract with the City of Terre Haute cannot be renewed Jan. 1, 1965, unless a budget request submitted to the city is acted upon prior to that time.

The approximate city-county of $15,000 for next year's operation is based on population, with one third of the funds to come from the county and two-thirds from the city.

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At the meeting it was brought out by President George Hanks the budget request necessary for the Humane Society to care for stray and abandoned animals found within the city limits was submitted June 24, 1964 for approval and appropriations.

The budget request, amounting to $10,267, was submitted through Dr. Milton M. Rubin, secretary of the city board of health at the regular June meeting of that group. The meeting was held at city hall. The budget was submitted by Humane Society representatives Dudgeon, Hanks and Lee Brown.

Dudgeon said the request was received rather coolly, but the group left with the impression the money would be included with the department budget when it was submitted to the city comptroller. However, when the budget requests were revealed last week, it was found the Humane Shelter request for funds was not included.

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At the time of the request for the $10,267 in funds for next year's operations, an emergency request for $5,133 also was submitted for emergency for current operations.

City Comptroller Ray Thomas was quoted by Dudgeon as telling members of the Humane Society that he had not seen the request and that he was not aware they had been seeking the increase when he was preparing the budget request breakdown for council study.

The budget, if located and approved, would include the $2,000 now received from the city. The county, which in the past also has contributed $2,000 toward operation of the shelter, currently has a request from the humane society for $5,057 under consideration for next year.

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arrest and prosecution of persons seen abandoning animals in the county.

Announcement was made that a display of educational material will be held at West Vigo School on Sept. 1; as was announcement of the Izaak Walton's Kennel Club Division dog show, Sept. 27, at the ISC Arena.

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Explain Why Funds Denied For Shelter

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Requests by the Terre Haute Humane Society, Inc., for approximately $15,000 for operating expenses were turned down "because the city board of health felt that all the services they proposed weren't desirable," according to Dr. Milton M. Rubin.

The doctor, who is secretary of the city board of health, added that additionally he and fellow members felt that Terre Haute was being asked to pay an unfair share of the animal shelter and society operating expenses.

Pointing out that estimated operating costs of the shelter and other activities for one year is approximately $10,000, the doctor declared that, "This would make them practically a city-supported institution."

The society operates the animal shelter on a contract basis, currently receiving $2,000 each year from the city and county to care for strays there. They are seeking increases for 1965, however, to $10,267 from the city, and about $5,000 from the county.

An additional $5,133 was sought from the city for the remaining six months of this year, but the request was rejected by the board of health.

Dr. Rubin said the board of health felt there was not sufficient justification to warrant appropriating funds and authorizing the society to appoint its own police officers and file its own charges against violators of humane society laws.

"They hoped to bring cases to court in their own manner," he pointed out. "But all we want is continuation of the same services we have had in the past."

Society spokesmen Tuesday revealed they may be forced to terminate their contract with the city and cease accepting stray animals brought to the shelter by local police after Jan. 1, unless additional funds are appropriated.

President George Hanks of the Humane Society board of directors emphasized at a meeting Tuesday night, however, that the shelter would not be closed.

"We will continue to operate a shelter and to carry out other activities to protect animals and insure decent treatment of pets," he stressed.

Action Undecided

B. E. Dudgeon, shelter manager, said Wednesday morning that the board had not yet decided what action it would take in its efforts to win a $10,267 operating appropriation from the city for next year. An additional $1,000 recommended by the board of health to bring the city's share up to $3,000 for 1965, is not enough, he remarked.

City Comptroller Raymond Thomas pointed out that the 1965 budget proposals have already been advertised and it is too late now to insert the additional amount sought. In reply to questions however, he confirmed that the society could request the money from the city council next year in the form of additional appropriations from the general fund.

Dudgeon said at least two city councilmen have indicated they favor increasing the society's appropriation.

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Animal Ambulance Service Available

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By MARY ANNE PIERCE
Tribune Staff Writer

Twenty-four hour, seven-days-a-week ambulance service is now being offered by the Humane Society of Vigo County.

The society recently purchased a panel truck and has equipped it to provide care for any injured or distressed animal.

The $2,000 vehicle was purchased from funds made available to the society by the Kennel Club Division of Terre Haute Chapter of the Izaak Walton League and from private contributions. The Kennel Club, whose president is Allen Hayne, gave the society the entire proceeds from a recent show and other funds totaling over $1,000.

Tranquilizer Gun

The ambulance will carry a tranquilizer gun, ropes, ladders, large and small cages, and first aid equipment. Ambulance attendants will be provided gloves made of heavy material to protect them from bites.

During the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. when the shelter, located at 1811 S. Fruitridge Ave., is open, the ambulance will be

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READY FOR SERVICE—The Humane Society animal ambulance is now ready to offer 24-hour service. It will be used to pick up distressed or injured animals and those unwanted. Preparing to make the first run in the vehicle are Allen Ford Hayne, president of the Kennel Club and Jerry Riley, manager of the animal shelter. The Kennel Club donated a large portion of the money needed to buy the ambulance. Photo by Martin.

Ambulance for Sick Animals

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used to pick up stray animals as well as those needing medical attention. After 5 p.m., only those injured or distressed will be picked up. Ambulance service is available by calling the shelter number, 232-4720.

Jerry Riley, who has been manager of the shelter since last December, said the new service will be of great benefit to the county. "With the ambulance and its equipment there will be very little need for city police or sheriff's deputies to shoot injured animals. We can now pick them up and see that they are properly cared for."

Riley is former manager of the Animal Shelter at Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Service Is Free

Riley pointed out that many people think the society charges for picking up sick, injured or unwanted animals. "This is a misunderstanding, we provide this service free of charge." He said if more people were aware of this free service, there "would be fewer dogs turned loose along county roads."

He said the shelter cared for approximately 7,500 animals last year. Other services include placing animals in good homes, providing educational materials for schools, tours of the shelter, lectures to small groups of children, and promoting both state and national legislation geared to the prevention of cruelty to animals.

Humane Society officials are on duty at all time at the shelter to investigate any complaints of cruelty to animals, Riley added. He said numerous complaints are checked out each year.

Although many times the work of the shelter employees and volunteers is heart breaking, when an animal is very badly hurt or very ill, there are moments of humor also. Recently the shelter took in a squirrel that enjoyed living in a home rather than a conventional tree. The animal had been cared for by a man who struck it with his automobile. It became so accustomed to the house while in stages of recuperation, it would dash back inside each time the door opened.

Volunteers On Duty

Shelter volunteers spent several hours recently removing oil from themselves after caring for a pup that had fallen into an oil pit. They also gave a good home to a mother dog who battled the dangerous traffic on I-70 to protect her tiny pup marooned on a traffic island. A passerby saw the mother dog frantically chasing cars, returning to the island until the next car came along, and beginning the chase again. The motorist stopped to see what was making the dog act so strangely, found the two dogs and called the shelter.

Riley said Humane Society members are readily available at the shelter to answer any questions concerning animals and he extended an invitation to the Vigo County residents to visit the shelter.

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By JAMES DRESSLER
Tribune Staff Writer

Buena Chaney, Terre Haute's "Mr. Everything" in the Republican party, is on the spot in Vigo County in the race between Secretary of State Edgar Doud Whitcomb and Dr. Earl Butz for the Republican nomination for Governor.

The race for the gubernatorial nomination is virtually a two man affair, although a third candidate, House Speaker Otis R. Bowen, a Bremen family doctor, bears watching.

Chaney, who serves as Vigo County, Seventh District, and State Republican chairman says he is neutral in the fight for delegate votes, but Republican party professionals don't believe him.

They base their disbelief on the fact that the Whitcomb forces, who include 11th District Chairman L. Keith Bulen, Indianapolis, propelled Chaney into the state GOP Chairman's post after Charles Hendricks was forced to resign.

The pressure on Chaney in Vigo County is great since Maynard Wheeler of Terre Haute, chairman of the board of Com-

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OFFICERS CHOSEN—Officers and board members were chosen by the Terre Haute Humane Society at the group's annual meeting Thursday night at the Dragon Inn. Seated, left to right, are Amy Wigginton, board member, Dr. Robert H. Rainer, board member, Ethel L. Morgan, recording secretary, George Hanks, president, and Mrs. Carl Bopp, board member; Standing, left to right, are Kenneth Davis, vice president, Jerry Riley, manager of the shelter, and Sada Farmer, corresponding secretary. Other board members are Lee Brown and Mrs. Joyce Burns. (Photo by Kadel)

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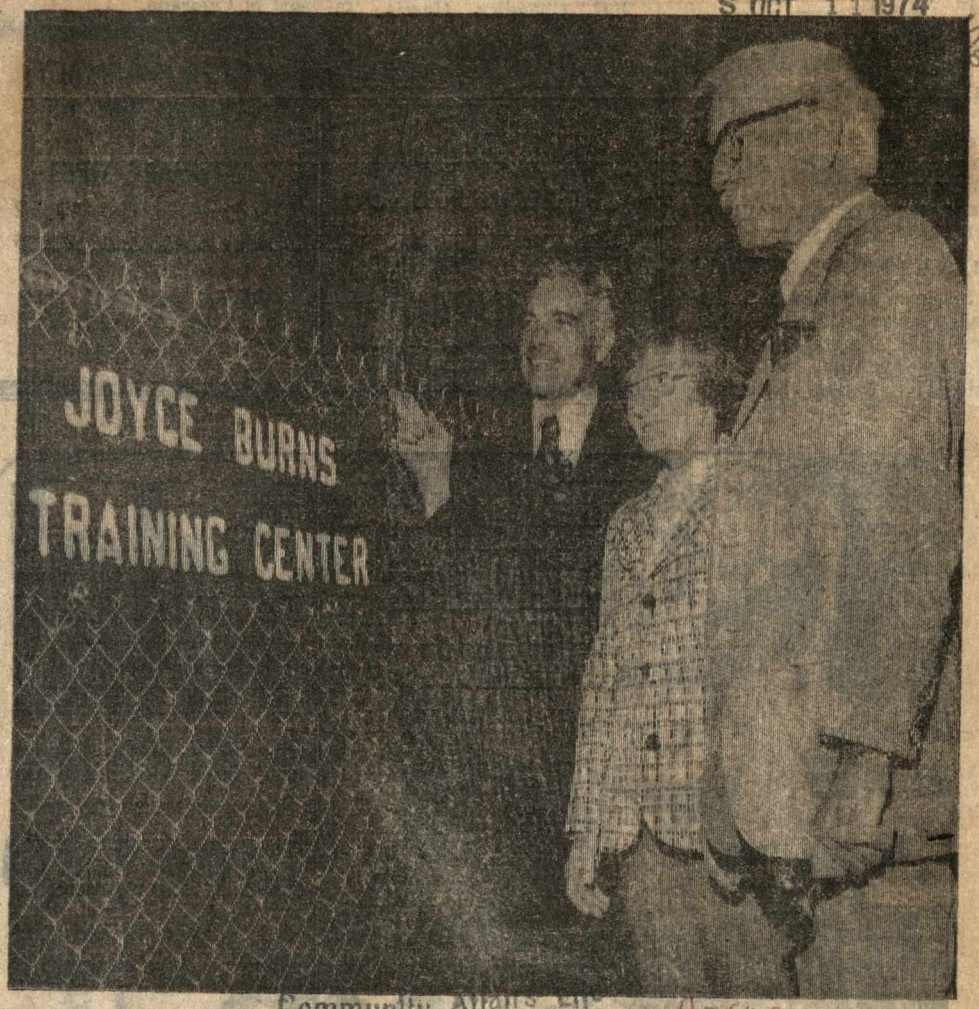

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DEDICATE MEMORIAL TRAINING CENTER—Funds contributed to the Vigo County Humane Shelter in memory of the late Joyce Burns were used to erect a chain-link fence for an obedience training center. The plot was dedicated as the Joyce Burns Training Center. Those at the dedication Thursday were (left to right) Ruel Burns Jr. Ann Graff, second vice president of the Shelter; and Ruel Burns Sr. (See Story on Page 3)

Memorial Dedicated To Mrs. Ruel Burns Jr.

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By GLADYS SELTZER
Star Staff Writer

Dedication ceremonies for the memorial to the late Mrs. Ruel Burns, Jr., took place at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Vigo County Humane Society, 1811 S. Fruitridge Ave.

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Memorial funds contributed have been used for a chain link fence to enclose the plot at the shelter for obedience training for the animals. The area will be known as the Joyce Burns Training Center.

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Jerry Riley, superintendent of the Shelter, said Mrs. Burns served for several years as a member of the Society's board of directors and at the time of her death last August was its corresponding secretary.

In addition, she worked as a volunteer at the Shelter's office where she handled telephone calls and helped with the work of the Shelter. The Burns' daughter, Susan, has been a volunteer trainer and helper for the obedience classes for dogs which the Humane Society sponsors.

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Riley pointed out that the fencing is an important safety factor in the training of dogs and animals and will help the Society's program.

Those present for the unveiling of the plaque included George Hanks, president of the Humane Society; board members and the members of the Burns family.

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George Hanks Re-elected to Humane Post

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The annual meeting of the Terre Haute Humane Society was conducted Wednesday and George Hanks was re-elected as president of the group.

Elected to the post of second vice president was Mrs. Ann Graff, who will serve her first term on the Society's board.

Four officers re-elected to the same positions currently held were Miss Sada Farmer, first vice president; Miss Ehtel Morgan, recording secretary; Mrs. Joyce Burns, corresponding secretary, and Lee Brown, treasurer.

In addition to the officers, other current board members are Mesdames Abbie Vogel, Amy Wigginton, Peggy Van Horn and Peggy Dennis. No new board members were elected.

Jerry Riley, superintendent of the Society's Animal Shelter, said there has been a "tremendous increase in reports of cruelty to animals, both in the number of local court cases in regard to this brought by the Society and in the number of complaints registered at the Shelter by interested persons."

He said also that the demand is increasing for the Society's services to larger farm animals, especially horses, as well as birds and other fowl and wild animals.

Riley explained that wild animals received, if not injured or diseased, are released to their native habitat. However, if such animals are injured, Riley and his helpers try to nurse them back to health so that when the animals are returned to their natural setting they can fend for themselves.

He said the Shelter is in need of a horse trailer to transport large animals to the corral which has been built at the rear of the Shelter, and a replacement for the Society's truck which he described as being in "deplorable" condition.

The work of the Humane Society is funded through a total of $15,000 from the city and county plus donations and contributions from the community, Riley pointed out.

He said the Shelter also has facilities for an animal hospital but no staff at the present time.

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Humane Shelter Director Discusses Future Plans

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By PAT BARNES
Tribune Staff Writer

The new manager of the Terre Haute Humane Shelter, Robert May, was formally introduced Wednesday during a news conference at the shelter.

On hand for the announcement was Mrs. Ann Graff, president of the shelter's board of directors.

Mrs. Graff said that May's previous experience in a number of fields should be an asset to the shelter as well as the community. May, 26, is a native of Vigo County. He was graduated from the former Garfield High School and attended Indiana State University.

His previous experience includes inspector with the Terre Haute Building and Zoning Department, the Vigo County Area Planning Department and a counselor and administrator with the Vigo County Community Services Administration.

May said that his primary concern is to institute an educational program for all animal owners.

"Last year Vigo County recorded more than 12,000 animal deaths as the result starvation, cruelty and injury. The public has to become aware of overbreading of animals and the proper care of their pets," May said.

As part of the educational program, May said, he plans to make a number of visits to schools to talk with students about their pets. Also he plans to address civic clubs and other organizations to promote better animal care and responsibilities.

May said he plans to implement a junior volunteer program at the shelter whereby students interested in animals may devote their free time.

Obedience classes also will be resumed at the shelter in the weeks to come, along with continuing the operation of the center's pet ambulance service, May added.

May said that preliminary plans call for the reopening of the shelter's animal hospital. It had been closed as the result of financial problems.

May said David Johnson, an employe at the shelter, has been named superintendent of kennels.

May replaces Jerry Riley, who served as manager of the shelter for the past nine years. Riley resigned to accept a similar position at Salem, Ore.

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NEW DIRECTOR announces plans for the Terre Haute Humane Shelter. Robert May, new manager at the shelter was formally introduced Wednesday during a news conference at the facility. His introduction was made by Mrs. Ann Graff, president of the humane shelter's board of directors. May announced a variety of new programs at the shelter including an educational program for animal owners to eliminate over breeding of pets. Shown with May and Mrs. Graff is Bob Cat, the shelter mascot. House of Photography Photo.

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Animals are friendly, kind, cuddly

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. . . and also too darn numerous to find good homes for

Careful care-- Bob May director of the Terre Haute Humane Society, spends a lot of his time picking up injured animals in the society's "ambulance" shown here. The truck is equipped with a cage inside to keep the animal in a confined area for the trip back to the Humane Shelter. (Photo by Mary Alice Sentman)

By Mary Alice Sentman

More than 11,000 unwanted dogs and cats are brought to the Terre Haute Humane Society each year. With limited funds and a small staff aided by volunteers, the shelter can do little more than feed and house the animals for an interim time. Only 20% are eventually adopted.

The Humane Society phone rings several times a day with reports of stray or injured animals somewhere in Vigo County. "Normally people call us first," said Bob May, recently appointed director of the shelter. "If the animal is dead, it is up to the Vigo County Health Department to take care of it; if it's a stray, the police department handles it. We take care of all the injury calls."

May also makes all the cruelty calls in the county. He has the authority to impound the mistreated animals. The cruelty complaint is then turned over to the police. "If you could be along on some of the cruelty calls I've made, you'd see why I believe all pets should be neutered," May said.

In an effort to gain members and the financial and moral support of the Vigo County community, the shelter has launched a "Crusade for Kindness" membership drive. The crusade began with the adoption of the pet of the week, followed by a pet parade for children age 5 to 12 with their pets.

The Humane Society is currently attempting to rebuild its reserves following the failure of an attempt to support a veterinary hospital along with the shelter services. When the hospital was opened in 1975, the objective was that it become self-supporting, while providing emergency service for the shelter.

The concept did not prove workable and the hospital was closed this past March. "It's hard for a veterinarian to get started," commented May. "The hospital depleted our reserves to the point where we felt we could no longer maintain it. Once the money is built up, we hope to find another vet who'd like to locate here. We may begin on a different basis next time." May indicated that the hospital could become operable in another year.

In the meantime, medical problems are handled by the staff and, in emergency cases, by local veterinarians. The shelter cannot afford to pay for such services and only calls in help in extreme circumstances. There is really no satisfactory way to handle injured or disabled animals at the present time.

The shelter copes daily with the results of an excess animal population. With 10,000 kittens and puppies born each hour in the United States, many are left to run loose, becoming victims of starvation, injury and disease and ultimately becoming a threat to man.

Vigo County strays are picked up by the one county and two city animal control officers and brought to the shelter, as are the injured rescued by May and his staff on "ambulance runs."

Animals are also brought in directly by private citizens: strays, unwanted pets, entire litters of puppies or kittens. There is no set fee for leaving animals, but a donation is requested to help cover the cost of housing and feeding the animal. Most people do give something, according to May.

The county pays the shelter $15,000 a year for accepting the strays and injured. The remainder of the yearly $85,000 operating budget comes from donations, membership fees and adoption fees.

There are fads in dog popularity. Right now German Shepherd mixes and Beagles are most likely to find homes. "Terriers are so-so," May said, "and Chihuahuas almost impossible to place." People looking for a hunting dog would rather buy from a breeder. "They want to be sure they get a good one," May said. Puppies and kittens and animals up to a year and half are most readily chosen.

May stresses the importance of curbing the pet over-population. By fall, the Humane Society plans to have a community educational program underway. May hopes to speak at civic and community groups, to PTAs and school children. A major purpose of the projected educational program is to gain public cooperation in alleviating the problems of overbreeding.

Believing that all pets should be neutered in order to prevent further unwanted offspring, the Humane Society requires a payment toward alteration to be paid at the time of adoption. The fee, set by the City Council, is low - a token amount toward the operation which averages $30 for female dogs. A receipt is given for this fee, which ranges from $2.50 for male cats to $5 for female dogs. This receipt may then be presented to a local veterinatian and the amount already paid will be deducted from the cost of the neutering operation. In the case of puppies or kittens, the operation must be performed within 45 days after the animal becomes operable - 6 months for cats, 9 months for dogs.

For those who want to adopt a pet, the shelter is open from 1 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. every day but Wednesday. The adoption fee for cats averages $7.00 including alteration deposit. For dogs, the fee ranges from $12.50 to $17.00, which includes a $3.00 rabies shot charge. The shot, required by law, is not given at the shelter. Instead a certificate is issues, which the new owner must then take to a local veterinarian where the shot is given either free or for a small additional charge.

Each pet leaving the shelter also receives a certificate for a free health examination by a local veterinarian. If the examination discloses something that will prevent the pet from being satisfactory, the new owner may return it to the shelter.

The staff at the Humane Society would like to do more in the future. May looks to the public education program and to a time when new homes could be more carefully screened to insure the animal a decent home and that it will not be out tunning again. An obedience course, taught by Mrs. Ann Graf, board president is currently underway.

When visiting the Humane Society, the

Feminique:

Joy and service are goals that Miriam Wade exemplifies

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by Martha McKown

I tell my daughters I have two goals for them. One that they find joy in living, and two that they be of service.

Miriam Wade seems to personify these goals. She certainly lives with a joy. Just casually meeting her she might tell you of the happiness of her life. She could share her happiness in husband, family, friends, and her work (or works, and we'll return to that later.)

Persons who relate to her in any of her many-faceted roles would affirm her as one who serves.

Miriam Wade is a person of inner depth, education, and fine training. She reads and enjoys music, and drama, and travel. She is someone worth knowing just as a person of fundamental worth and integrity.

Miriam is "Mom" to three daughters and a son. Miriam's husband is the Rev. Donald Wade of First United Methodist Church; therefore, much of her service is as a minister's wife. She serves as hostess, friend, teacher-trainer, and scores of other things.

Professionally Miriam teaches disabled children. She is a full time instructor at the Children's Learning Center where she leads the cognitive learning area. Part of this job is consulation with other professionals, semi-professionals, and volunteers.

Her service here is illustrated by her patient approach. I picture her stubborn struggle with a distracted six-year-old. She clasps his face firmly in her hands and insists he repeat sequential items after her.

Just the physical energy required by her job is enormous. She is on a chair, on the floor, crawling after a child, or climbing over equipment.

One of the difficulties a creative person such as Miriam has in such teaching is the need for constant repetition. Daily and labourously she patiently leads youngsters in the repetition which is needed for their learning.

She might close a typical day by taking a casserole out of the refrigerator after school and cooking it for a church supper while listening to the day's adventures of one of her own children or outlinging a speech she'll give to some organization on mental retardation.

One of the glories of Miriam Wade is that she does the difficult with grace. She makes all her roles and hard work appear exciting and glamourous. She gives the tough jobs elegance and beauty. For her the service and the joy seem one package.

Martha McKown lives with her husband Leslie at 2111 N. 11th St. The Spectator welcomes submissions from its readers about interesting local persons.

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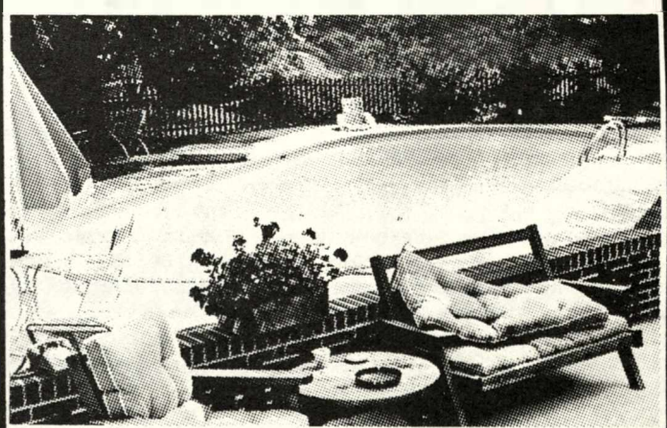

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observer gains the impression of busy people who share a genuine concern and compassion for animals. The morning I visited the shelter, two reports of animals hit by cars came within minutes. May follows up all such calls. About half of them prove dry - the animal is merely been stunned and leaves for home before the truck arrives. That morning proved average. The first reported dog was nowhere in sight when we arrived and a search failed to find him.

At the second location, an older brown and white mongrel huddled frightened and injured behind a guard rail. May managed to reassure him and win his trust, then picked him up firmly and carried him to the truck. Once the dog was safely inside, May sought out the people who made the call to ask about a possible owner. Not getting any specific information, we headed back to the shelter, carefully avoiding the rough patches on the road.

On the way back, the county animal control officer stopped us to tell May he had just shot a dog suspected of being rabid. Vigo County has been under rabies quarantine for five years. The dog's remains were at the shelter, we learned, waiting for shelter personnel to cut off the head and send it to the state pathological department in Indianapolis. Anyone touching a rabid dog is exposed and the officer gave May directions on how to reach him should the dog prove to be rabid. State tests later disclosed that the dog was not rabid.

Faced with the possibility that any animal brought into the shelter could be diseased, new arrivals are placed in quarantine for 48 to 72 hours. If the animal has a tag, the owner is notified. If the animal does not have a tag and is not claimed within 72 hours, it may be moved up for adoption. Not all animals are considered adoptable. Some come in in bad shape, are injured, obviously ill, or bad tempered. They are not considered suitable for adoption, according to May. If the animal is ill or injured and not wearing tags, it may be put to sleep before the 72 hour period has elapsed. Animals are rarely kept beyond two weeks.

"The roughest part of the job is coming in at 8:30 in the morning and picking out the ones that have to go," said May.

The shelter neither routinely worms the animals nor administers shots. While equipment is available at the adjacent hospital and the staff will soon be trained to check for worms, a lack of funds will prevent all animals from being treated.

Puppies up to four months are wormed for common dog worms and also receive a temporary distemper-measles shot. Older dogs are occasionally given a DHL (distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis) booster. The criteria for treatment appears to be the value and adoptability of a dog, with purebred dogs receiving priority consideration.

The shelter has no way of doing the blood test required to determine if heartworm is present. This disease, transmitted by mosquitoes, has increased in frequency in the mid-West in recent years. "If we know for sure a dog had heartworm, we'd put him to sleep," May said. The heartworm cure is difficult and expensive.

Disinfectant practices help to discourage communicable diseases such as kennel cough. "The health of the animals brought in as strays is usually not good," May said.

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bridge is for fun

By Pat O'Bryan

Generally speaking the good old bridge teachings are sound and will bring more tricks to your side than when you disregard the admonitions. We are thinking now of the old saws that say "second hand low," "third hand high," etc.

However, when this great game is actually played, we find that there are times when we are called upon to "Stop and Think." Why does declarer play a certain card at that particular time?

Today's hand offers an example:

North
S--9 7 5
H--A 4
D--Q 6 5
C--K J 10 6 2

West
S--K Q 10 8 4
H--J 6 5
D--A J 10
C--7 5

East
S--6 3 2
H--Q 10 8 7 2
D--9 7 3
C--8 3

South
S--A J
H-- K 9 3
D--K 8 4 2
C--A Q 9 4

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All Pass

Opening lead: King of Spades.

South's opening one no-trump is natural and standard. North's three no-trump shows 10 to 14 points. West's opening lead is also according to the book. South can count eight fast tricks, but needs one more from the Diamond suit. Now if South were to take those eight tricks there would be little doubt that West would hold fast to the last five tricks for down one. And if South plays the Jack on the first Spade, West would certainly continue that suit to set up his long cards. So South takes the Spade Ace and leads a small Diamond toward the Queen. Now West is called on to "stop and think." If he plays his Ace second hand he is certain to give declarer two Diamond tricks-- but, why would South lead a Diamond toward the Queen unless he knew all the Clubs were good. Therefore he takes his Ace second hand and is able to cash four more tricks in Spades.

Congratulations to the following winning pairs in last week's duplicate bridge games:

Bridge I, Tuesday, June 9: 1st, Carole Cooper and Gloria Fagg; 2nd, Jessie Spitler and Hazel Fisher.

Thursday, June 10, Afternoon: 1st, Loretta Chau-Pat O'Bryan; 2nd, Jane Gormong-Loraine O'Bryan; 3rd, Jessie Eberhart-Dorothy Stein; 4th and 5th (tie): Mid Hollis-Eileen Lucas and John Hockett-Dr. Hunt.

Thursday, June 10, Ninety-Niners: 1st, Jerry Huntsman-Dick Clokey; 2nd, Mid and Jim Hollis; 3rd, Louise Levin-Don Hogg; 4th, Annabelle Morris-Rosemary Littlejohn.

Friday, June 11: 1st, Craig Smith-Richard Easton; 2nd, Alberta Ervin-Eileen Lucas; 3rd, Margaret and Forest McNiel.

Saturday, June 12: 1st, Dave Boxley-Pat O'Bryan; 2nd, Janet Horton-Richard Easton; 3rd and 4th (tie): Sunny Staff-Don Lucas and Jane Gormong-Fred Ervin.

Tuesday, June 15, Novice II: 1st, Loretta Chau-Phyllis Bryan; 2nd, Hazel Fortner-Genevieve Brann; 3rd, Hazel Fisher-Jessie Spitler.

Tuesday evening, June 15: North-South, 1st, Cecil Turnquist-Fred Ervin; 2nd, Jessie Eberhart-Dorothy Stein; 3rd, Margaret and Forest McNiel; 4th, Frank DeSanto-Lester Wolf, East-West, 1st, Bargara and Bob Petzold; 2nd, Doug and Craig Smith; 3rd, Anne and Maurice Nugent; 4th, Eileen and Don Lucas.

Woman's Department Club
Duplicate Bridge

A cool game of duplicate bridge was enjoyed by the women of the Department Club on Monday, June 14, with the following being declared the winners:

First, Ethel Cottom and Jessie Spitler; second, Irene George and Nelle Perrin; third, Esther Palm and Mildred Hunter; fo[illegible] Celeste Valentine and Josephine Sudbrink.

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THE NEW BOARD of directors of the Terre Haute Humane Society met recently at the Humane Shelter, 1811 S. Fruitridge Ave., where manager Bob May, standing right, introduced the board to a couple of special residents. They are "Tramp," the dog at the far end of the table who had something to say to his old friend, board member Russel Peterson, and "Bob Cat," the sleepy-eyed feline in the foreground yielding to the attentions of board treasurer Linda Shaker. Friend Cat, by the way, is really a domestic variety, not a product of the wild woodland. His name comes from the fact that his tail got bobbed somewhere along the way. Other members of the board, all looking forward to several special projects to be announced later, include, seated from left, Amy Wigginton, corresponding secretary; Martha Haring, recording secretary; and standing from Peterson's left, Ron Stephenson; William E. Cook, president, and Dick Cross, second vice president. Not present for the picture were Rosemary Perdiew, vice president, and members Lynn Fredericks and Rita Auten.

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Associations-T.H.

By JACK HUGHES
Tribune Staff Writer

Sunday was "LOV" day at the Terre Haute Humane Society Shelter where the recently formed League of Volunteers of the organization met to count some early accomplishments and further plans for future fun helping animals and people.

And that's a key factor in the League program which accents the pure joy its members realize from their activities, supported by the parent organization and designed to complement the regular service of the Humane Society to the Terre Haute area. Beneficiaries of that service include government entities as well as people, pets and wildlife.

Prior to the next regular meeting of "LOV," scheduled for Feb. 27, the group will open its own office while completing committee assignments growing out of extensive planning accomplished in the brief time the organization has been in existence.

That planning has received encouragement from the fruits of the earliest projects and from the enthusiasm of the three-dozen "charter members" which form the nucleus of the growing organization, according to Bill Cook, president of the Society board of directors, and Mrs. Russell (Erna) Peterson, president of the League.

Tangible returns from the new group, formed just last fall, include $9,000 added to working funds of the Humane Society Shelter, 1811 S. Fruitridge Ave., as well as a small mountain of pet food collected in special barrels placed at several local food markets cooperating in that project. They included the Standard store in the center at Brown and Wabash avenues, Baesler's Super Valu market at 1101 S. 25th St. and the Kroger stores at Meadows Center and Southland.

The pet food project was spearheaded by LOV member Rudy Shonfield, retired retail entrepreneur and noted merchant of good humor, who reportedly has adopted his assignments in the new organization with the vigor of building a whole new career.

And that's the spirit shared by all the members, according to the officers who include Mrs. Earl Shaker, treasurer, and Joyce Fabbri, secretary, in addition to Mrs. Peterson.

Other projects include further development of the multi-page bulletin, "WAG TALE," in the March issue of which will be featured special reports on humane activities of area reisidents, described as "humane interest stories."

That project is under the education committee of the grouep which has a few openings as do the legislation committee, the membership and fund raising committee and the clerical and animal & kennel care committees, both under the direction of Bob May, shelter manager.

Future projects include a bird sanctuary and wildlife refuge on the shelter gorounds.

In spite of the weather, a fair sized group attended Sunday's meeting, including Teresa Hildebrand, Linda Shaker, Martha Haring, Lucille Smith, Tammie Brown, Dorothy Cox, Dick and Nadine Cross, Amy Ann Wigginton and others in addition to officers of both the Soiciety and the League named earlier.

A recent bulletin reports, "The public is invited to participate — They need not be members, but are invited to join the Society."

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Workers, board disagree

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The Terre Haute Humane Society League of Volunteers (LOV) and some board members were busy Saturday morning cleaning cages and taking care of the animals at the shelter following a dispute between the society's board and the employes over the firing of the shelter director.

A board member told The TRIBUNE Saturday morning that the employes were called in Friday afternoon and three or four of the board members explained the pros and cons of the situation to them.

"At that time we told them their jobs were not in jeopardy, however, they didn't agree with our explanation and decided to continue to picket," the board member said. She pointed out that the employes do not belong to a union, so the act of "picketing" was apparently their way of showing displeasure with the decision of the board.

An employe told The TRIBUNE that employes were told during the Friday meeting they would be fired and ordered off the property if they went on strike.

The board member said the society will attempt to conduct business as usual during the dispute and that anyone wanting to adopt an animal can still do so. "This action, in no way, stops anyone from coming out and choosing a pet."

Williams Cook, president of the society, announced Friday that the society's board had met Aug. 24 in special session to consider the temination of the society's paid director.

The statement said a unanimous decision was made by the board to notify Bob May, the director, in writing that he was no longer their employe, as of Sept. 15.

The notice went on to specify that he could remain at his duties until the stated time, or would be paid in the event he left prior to Sept. 15.

"I want the community to know that the board didn't reach this decision in a hurry," Cook said. "We have been having trouble since around the first of the year. As a matter of fact, we seriously considered firing this gentleman then," the president said.

"Our main first concern is for the welfare of the animals. We feel a great responsiblity to the people of Terre Haute and the surrounding community and feel that a better job needs to be done. We have been extremely patient with the current staff, but we feel that the performance hasn't been consistently acceptable. We're hoping to improve the situation at the shelter."

The society has placed an ad in local newspapers seeking a new director. In addition, Cook has written to the American Humane Association asking for their help in finding a new director.

The Humane Society board and LOV is prepared to operate the shelter until a new director and some staff are hired. It will be 'business as usual', Cook said.

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Shelter Debate Continues

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Position statements have been issued by all interested groups and individuals concerning the controversy over the discharge of Bob May, director of the Terre Haute Humane Shelter.

Shelter workers, in general, support May and are, in fact picketing the shelter protesting his discharge. They are not, however, interferring with the work of the shelter. At a press con-

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ference called Monday afternoon, May said he did not support the workers' strike: "first because I need them in here to perform the work of the shelter, and second because they are not represented by any kind of union and their jobs could be jeopardized."

William Cook, president of the society, said the decision to terminate May's contract was made at a special session of the board on Aug. 24. May was notified of the termination of his employment in an unsigned letter dated Aug. 25.

Mrs. Russell Peterson, president of the League of Volunteers (LOV) , has issued a letter to "clarify the position" of that organization with reference to the situation at the Humane Shelter. "We feel that these few (employees and volunteers who are picketing) have walked out on their responsibility to the animals for some personal reason." Mrs. Peterson goes on to express the support of LOV for the elected board members, and asks continued public support for the board of directors.

May has referred to a letter of resignation submitted by him to the board of directors dated July 28, 1977. In the letter he cited seven specific grievances and said Monday that he later withdrew his resignation upon the promise of the board to take action on the issues he presented.

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May said Monday that he believes that he could resolve his differences with the board if he were given the opportunity to do so in open meeting, with the possible exception of ons board member who he declined to name. He noted that the board member in question and his wife were "extremely valuable" to the cause of the humane society, "not only because of the money they are able and willing to expend, but also because of the tremendous amount of time they volunteer and their contacts with humane work nationally."

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DIFFERENCE OF OPINION — Workers at the Terre Haute Humane Society Shelter demonstrate in support of Bob May who was notified Aug. 25 that his contract as director of the Shelter would be terminated effective Sept. 15. Generally the Shelter workers are in support of May who is seeking a hearing before the board in accordance with grievance procedures. The League of Volunteers has issued a statement in support of the decision of the board to terminate May's employment. S AUG 3 0 1977 (Star Photo: Kadel)

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dispute may lead to legal action

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Terre Haute Humane Shelter director Boy May said Friday that he plans to take the necessary legal action to rectify contract breaches or to obtain reinstatement of his position.

May, who was notified by the shelter's board of directors of his termination the later part of August, has been working under a contract extension approved by the board in June.

According to May, who conducted a press conference in his attorney's office, he met with members of the board Thursday evening and they approved a further extension of his contract through Sept. 25.

May went on to say, "I received notice this morning (Friday) that they (the board) would continue to pay me through Sept. 25, but that I was to cease operating as director and to vacate the premises immediately."

As part of his compensation, May has received living quarters in a house located adjacent to the shelter.

In a prepared statement, May said, "they (the board of diectors) refused to negotiate my reinstatement or the reinstatement of the striking staff members."

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Firing of director provokes flap at local Humane Society Shelter

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By Ron LaRoche

If real people (and real animals) were not involved, the current situation at the Terre Haute Humane Shelter would fit in comfortably in a Marx Brothers or Three Stooges comedy.

In February the shelter director was told by the board of directors improvements had to be made at the shelter or he would be fired, he was not fired; in July the shelter director told the board of directors improvements would have to be made at the shelter or he would resign, the resignation was not accepted; on August 24 the board decided to fire the director effective Sept. 15 because of "failure of management," according to William Cook, president of the board of directors of the Terre Haute Humane Society, Inc.

Cook refused to explain the reasons for the firing of Robert C. May Jr. as director any further than his three-word statement. Cook said, "We have not attempted to discuss the reasons for the firing in detail, because then they would be in the public record, and how could we ever make a recommendation for Bob in a new job? Of course, saying it that way may cancel any recommendation." When told his refusal to discuss the reasons for the firing could be considered a "cover-up story," Cook said, "I agree that is a possibility, but we have nine people, the greatest people we've ever had on the board. Seldom is anyone ever absent from a monthly meeting."

The decision to fire May was made at a special meeting of the Board of Directors on August 24. All of the present nine board members were in attendance at the meeting (which was conducted at two places) and unanimously approved of the firing of May, according to Cook.

(I was allowed to see Cook's copy of the notes from this special meeting, but he refused to allow the notes to be Xeroxed and refused to allow me to make notes on the special meeting notes. The listing (see box A) of the reasons for May's firing was obtained from a copy of the special meeting notes, but not in violation of Cook's stipulations to me. Cook did discuss the details of May's firing with me, but only "off the record." Except for comments by Cook about May's personal life, nothing additional to the list was discussed in Cook's "off the record" conversation.)

The nine complaints listed in the special meeting notes for the firing range from "incoming bills not paid within a reasonable time" to "employees have too many coffee breaks."

The letter of dismissal (which was unsigned) was given to May August 25 by Ron Stephenson, board member. Asked about the lack of signature (s) on the dismissal notice, Cook said, "As far as I am concerned, that's a pure clerical error or oversight." (The complete text of the letter of dismissal may be found in box B.)

May has released 18 pages of material to the press, including a seven-page statement which includes a list of eight accomplishment (see box C). He said he has never received a listing of reasons for the firing. Cook conceded this is true, but said, "During a big blow-up in February, Ron Stephenson told Bob, 'Here's what you're going to have to do if you want to stay here.' For two months it went beautifully, then things fell apart. I see no reason to go over the details again, Bob has been told of the complaints before."

In a July 28 letter to "officers and members" of the Humane Society, May stated, "Please be advised that it is my intention to resign from the position of Executive Director of the Terre Haute Humane Society effective August 27, 1977." May listed seven specific reasons for his action (see box D). The board did not accept this resignation.

A
Complaints against May

"Incoming bills not paid within a reasonable length of time.

"Incoming donations not deposited in the bank (lost, or something).

"Shelter not kept clean, even with SIX on the payroll.

"Animals not kept clean and fed properly.

"Director promised to do so many things, but never seemed to get around to doing, even though he got most of what he asked for from the Board in the way of equipment, additional help, etc.

"Director doesn't set good example, nor command the respect of employees.

"Employees have too many coffee breaks.

"Very careless about utilities, tools, etc.

"Some Board Members expressed dissatisfaction with explanation by Shelter Director of recent robbery at the Shelter."

B
Letter of dismissal

"The Board of Directors of the Terre Haute Humane Society hereby notifies you that as of September 15, 1977, you are terminated from your employment as director.

"The Board has agreed to compensate you up to and including September 15, 1977. However if you wish to terminate your duties with the Society prior to that date, you may do so.

"The Board asks that the President be notified when you decide to terminate your duties, and at that time it would expect you to also vacate the living quarters and the premises."

C
May's list of accomplishments

"1. A completely reorganized operations staff and procedure, which facilitates a far smoother, more efficient operation than the Shelter has known in recent years.

"2. Better public relations than they have had since I can remember.

"3. The first appropriation from the City of Terre Haute in over 5 years.

"4. Pets for Therapy at the Vigo County Home.

"5. The most successful fund-raising program in 5 years.

"6. More effective procedure for insuring alteration of pets adopted from the Shelter through the use of higher alteration deposits, and follow-up.

"7. More public education of pet needs and pet problems than in the last several years.

"8. The Society will not show a loss for Fiscal Year 1977."

D
May's complaints

"1. It is impossible for me to perform the duties expected of me, while my efforts are constantly second-guessed and undermined by the Society's 'Supporters.'

"2. It is impossible for me to perform at my maximum level of output with virtually no positive feedback from my superiors, and constant criticism of my efforts by those who are supposed to provide guidance and consultation.

"3. It is impossible for me to maintain the respect and loyalty of my staff, while their employment is threatened by individual members of the Board of Directors.

"4. It is impossible for me to maintain the respect and loyalty of my staff while my personal affairs are flaunted and criticized to them by members of the Board of Directors and Volunteers.

"5. It is impossible for my staff to maintain esprit de corps, while being constantly criticized on a personal and professional level, and while they have to stand by and watch while tasks they have performed to my satisfaction are redone, often less adequately, by someone not even in the chain of command.

"6. The employer has been in constant violation of my employment contract with the Society since my date of employment. Article five (5) of said contract clearly states that the residence at 1733 South Fruitridge is to be provided to me rent-free as part of my compensation. I am, in fact, **required** to 'reside' at 1733 South Fruitridge. I contend that while the structure at 1733 South Fruitridge has provided shelter for me in the past several months, it has hardly qualified as a residence.

"7. Due to the actions of my employer, I cannot maintain or conduct a normal personal life, and because of this my professional capabilities are **severely** hampered.

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Possums: they must be good for something! Maybe a pet for your enemy . . .

By John Christie

Viola had been chewing on an old steak bone which looked like one of the Dead Sea scrolls. Returning my glance, she vomited, then held her mouth open wide and long, hissing away. Assured that I wasn't about to harm her or even grab that meal, she turned to lapping up the whole mess again and waddled drunkenly off. Later when my own innards had stopped doing Nadia Comanechi loops, I ventured outside and followed her possum tracks. They halted under my back porch.

As usual, Viola threw me into a moral crisis. In one sense I regretted that the winter of '77 had been so bad that she had to expose herself in daylight for food. In another sense I wished she'd board elsewhere, say beneath the porch of someone I disliked.

Viola remorselessly confronts our double-standards about wild life. The truth is that most of us revere only animals who either resemble human beings, kowtow to them or are just plain beautiful. Viola appears nowhere in the running on these counts. To be sure, we piously grant her her right to exist, but preferably out of sight; in fact we'd probably never lament her utter extinction. Run over a dog, cat, deer or raccoon and our guilties usually rebuke us for a while. Hit a possum on the interstate and most drivers, particularly if they've swung the wheel to get one, merely hope the impact doesn't stain the whitewalls.

Yet, if you swallow your aversion to Viola's extortionate aesthetics and habits and do some casual researching you'll learn all sorts of unusual things about her species. Actually, nothing but unusual things because all the facts about her are unordinary or creepy.

She is the only North American marsupial; that is, like her kangaroo cousin, she carries her young in a belly-pouch. Zoologists theorize that Viola, like the shark, remains unchanged since the Mesozoic period when she probably staggered around the dinosaurs, giving them the creeps too. They even suggest that all the marsupials originated in North America. How in blazes all of them except Viola could have hiked to Australia is something else. Perhaps Austrialia, already up to its tennis courts in odd wetbacks like the kangaroo, wombat, great sloth and Tasmanian Devil, decided enough was enough and gave appropriate orders to the border patrols. Her range in the U.S. comprises most of the country east of the Rockies. Oddly she's been migrating into the Province of Ontario where she literally freezes her tail off in the winter. She favors dark wooded areas, but does nicely as a city-slicker, likes trees and nightly constitutionals eating anything.

Her recorded American history antedates the Revolution. Captain John Smith, for instance, around the time of his big Mary Hartman scene with Pocahontas, reported: "An opposom hath an head like a Swine and a taile like a Rat, and is of the bignes of a Cat. Under her belly shee hath a bagge wherein shee lodgeth, carrieth and sucketh her young." In the late 1590s the explorer Pinzon hauled one off to Spain to wow King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella. Isabella put her finger into the pouch and said she was impressed.

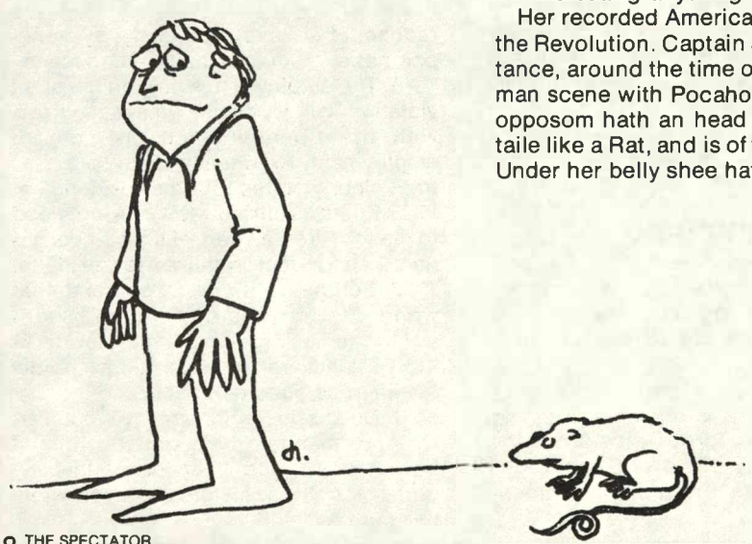
Folklorists trot out handy legends to explain Viola's peculiarities. The long, naked tail that sometimes doubles as a hand? Its fur was scared off it by the ghost who caught her stealing corn near a graveyard? The very long open-mouthed look that displays the cast-of-thousands dentition? A deer's curse. She had been laughing at him as he vainly shook a persimmon tree. You can imagine the ones about her sex organs. You see, she's classified as Marsupialis Didelphidae: The second word means two vaginas. The male also operates dual controls, what NASA's Manned Space Center might term creation's most exclusive back-up system.

Her dimness of brain is legendary. The Germans employ a jaw-sprainer for it, **Beutelsierstumpfsinn** which means "marsupial stupidity." Yes, she's been known to blunder several times into the same trap. She's also died from foods, like glue, that looked good to her. Her insensitivity to pain is so pronounced that caught in a trap she chews off the stuck limb. Slowly. Specifically, her brain mass is about one fifth that of a housecat.

Then, of course, there's her famous habit of playing dead when danger looms. When the danger blows over, she ups and skedaddles. Cynics insist she's so cowardly that when trouble arrives she just passes out in a convenient faint. Australians label cowards as "possum guts." Well Science has settled that question. Solemnly they attached electrodes to a possum and ran electro-enchepalograms when she was alert and when playing possum. In both states the brain waves proved identical. So it's true: she does play possum and isn't out like a light when she does.

It's a very practical trick. Other creatures, like the bullnose snake, pull it too. Viola isn't nimble enough to flee any predator--having thumbs on your hindlegs slows you down a little. Also, pursuers quickly grow uninterested in apparently dead quarry. Even more so, once the victor inhales his first sniff of Viola, he has an ominous idea of what dining on her will taste like. Possum flesh is no hot item in the wild. Often you can see possum carcasses in the woods, but rarely are their picked-clean remains seen near or in the dens of their enemies.

There's another place you rarely see possum leftovers: garbage cans in the South. I've yet to meet a southerner, white or black, who likes the stuff or was ever near it. Whenever I see those bumper stickers on trucks that urge me to eat more possum, I think they have to be kidding. Most southerners, particularly blacks, dislike even hearing about roast possum and sweet potatoes. You could produce the same reaction by suggesting gefilte fish to Yassir Arafat. Possibly, when they serve it all, southerners feature possum for guests they dislike. Scarlett O'Hara probably forced extra servings on Melanie--for her own good, of course. I can imagine Kate Smith humming away as she garnishes a possum club sandwich with pickle slices and potato chips for Woody Allen's arrival.



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Shelter board pledges work will continue

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Terre Haute Humane Society's Board of Directors Thursday released an open letter to "those dedicated men and women who have made the services of the Humane Shelter possible."

In the release, signed by the nine board members, a discussion of the dismissal of Robert May, the shelter's former director, is presented.

"As you know," the letter states, "Mr. Robert May, Director for apporoximately two years, has been relieved of his duties.

This decision was not reached without considerable thought on the part of those people elected to handle the business of the society..."

The letter further states, "We want to assure you that all directors are knowledgeable, reliable and dedicated individuals. They have carried on with considerable inconvenience to themselves. They have had to leave the affairs of their business and personal lives to care for the animals and to find new employees. It was not our desire to terminate any other employees; however, they chose to leave the animals unattended and therefore had to be replaced."

The letter closes with a plea for "continued trust and support."

On the board of directors are William E. Cook, president; Mrs. Dale Perdiew, first vice president; Richard Cross, second vice president; Earl Shaker, treasurer; Martha Haring, recording secretary; Mrs. W. T. Wiggington, recording secretary; Ron Stephenson, Russell Peterson and Rita Auten.

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'Pets For Therapy' Now In County Home

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The Terre Haute Humane Society is involved in a pilot program, "Pets for Therapy," monitored by the American Humane Association. The project will place a dog at the Vigo County Home.

The project was presented to the League of Volunteers of the Terre Haute Humane Society who took the suggestion to the County Commissioners and the Vigo County Council who approved the project. It was also approved by the State Board of Health.

Accordingly "Babe" will become an official resident of the Vigo County Home.

Babe has undergone six-weeks of extensive training for her role as official pet for the County Home residents. Much of her training has consisted of visits—three each week—to the home where she has become acquainted with the residents and they with her.

John Ruby, a resident at the Vigo County Home, will be responsible for Babe's physical needs, and will see that she gets to visit her new owners several times daily. The residents are very excited about Babe's arrival since many of them had pets of their own before they moved to the home and enjoyed the companionship so much.

The Pets for Therapy program will be closely monitored by the County Commissioners, the League of Volunteers, the staff of the Terre Haute Humane Society and the staff of the Vigo County Home.

Individuals and groups who have contributed greatly to the pilot project include: the League of Volunteers of the Terre Haute Humane Society; Norma Toon, Babe's trainer and handler; Irna and Pete Peterson; Milton and Doris Smith; Jack Redman; Rudy Shonfield; Margaret Koile, director of the Vigo County Home: Ada Schommer and Emil Yansky who contributed a house for Babe.

Powell-Stephenson Lumber Company and H & H Fence Company also made contributions to the Pets for Therapy project, and a local veterinarian gave Babe necessary innoculations at no cost.

The only similar project in the nation is at Lima, Ohio where animals are being placed in the state hospital for the criminally insane.

BABE HAS NEW HOME—"Babe", a friendly pooch from the Terre Haute Humane Shelter, is apparently happy in her new residence at the Vigo County Home. John Ruby (left) a resident of the Home, will take care of Babe. Others at the presentation Tuesday morning were (left to right) Russell Whiteman, holding the dog; Milton Smith, a Shelter volunteer; and Norma Toon of the Shelter who presented the dog. Babe is the first of the "Pets For Therapy" program, a pilot project of the Shelter here. (Star Photo: Kadel)

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Lots Of Affection—

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Millions In Happiness At The Humane Shelter

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By RICHARD C. TUTTLE
Star Staff Writer

Kittens, dogs, cats, puppies, ducks, ponies, raccoons, chickens, gerbils, hamsters...most have been taken to the Terre Haute Humane Shelter during the course of the year.

Some of these unwanted pets are adopted, given good homes.

Others are not. A lot of affection and comradship is lost.

This list resembles that in a children's zoo.. And most of the animals have been pets of children...children who have grown and left home, or parents who have tired of caring for the pets and turned them out of the house to care for themselves...or have taken them to the shelter.

"Two facts dominate the need for the shelter," Mrs. Russell Peterson, president of League of Volunteers (LOV) and avid supporter of and worker at the shelter, asserted. "One, animals reproduce at a rapid rate, and there aren't enough people wanting a kitten or pup to handle this population boom; and secondly, most house pets are unable to fend for themselves when turned out, and eventually becomes strays creating neighborhood hazards and targets for illness and rabies."

On a recent visit to the Shelter, there were three families of kittens, two families of puppies, a German pointer, a St. Bernard, plus many nondescript breeds of kittens, cats, dogs and pups, plus two ponies. At times there have been pet birds housed there.

The small animals are kept in clean cages, the larger dogs in runs and the ponies in a corral. Cages, runs, and corral are cleaned daily, the animals are fed carefully and with nutritiious food.

Animals are brought to the Shelter by the city animal man , by the county sheriff's department, by owners, by people who find animals and are unable to keep them. The supply is never ending, and now and then a new type is brought in and given care.

For this year-around service, the county pays to the Shelter $15,000 annually. This year, for the first time, the city gave the Shelter $15,000 from federal revenue sharing funds. To get any amount from the city, the officials of the Shelter must make the request of the city council, and this must be repeated in 1978.

There is no other place for animals to be taken.

Total budget for the Shelter is between $90,000 and $100,000 annually. There are usually five paid employes, including someone in the office who doubles as a receptionist and with a few other chores.

The work of the shelter, the demands made on it, can only be achieved by a loyal group of volunteers. Some of these are members of the League of Volunteers (LOV), others just work around the Shelter and grounds, maintaining buildings and equipment.

All of them have a love for animals, a desire to take care of them for future owners who also care. This means the surroundings, the cages and all must be clean, and food adequate. Many volunteers devote twenty to thirty hours a week to the animals in the Shelter.

There are 800 to 1,000 animals brought to the Shelter each month. Not all of them are taken to new homes by new owners who really want a pet and will care for it. The others are put to sleep.

Those who take an animal must be do certain things, including signing a promise to "furnish it with humane care, proper food and shelter. I agree to let your representative enter my premises to check conditions and retake possession of the animal if he is not satisfied. I understand you will replace the animal within 72 hours if a veterinarian of my choice so states, in writing, that the animal I have received is not healthy. I further understand you will not under any circumstances refund my donation. I shall not allow this animal to be used for vivisection. Should I decide not to keep the animal, I agree to return it to the Terre Haute Humane Society. Any donation given by the undersigned to the Terre Haute Humane Society is wholly a volunteer gift, and is in no way to be regarded as a return for value received."

When an animal is brought to the Shelter, a statement must also be signed that all claims to the animal are sureendered, and the animal may be disposed of as seen advisable at the discretion of the Terre Haute Humane Society . The Society is not to be held liable, nor its officers or employes, for any disposition of animal. Too, the person certifies the animal has not been bitten in the last fourteen days.

A portion of the gift is to pay a veterinarian (of choice) for the neutering operation on the animal, the balance paid directly to the vet by the new owner. This operation is to aid in reducing the animal population in the area, much of it running free and some a definite health hazard. The adopter must also have the animal vaccinated against rabies, a very serious and dangerous animal infection.

Information cards regarding each animal brought to the shelter are placed on the front of the receiving cage. These animals are kept separate from other animals in the shelter for a period of time. There are also quarantine cages.

One room of the Shelter is an education room where classes in animal care are held, where tours are taken to be made acquainted with what the Shelter does, its staff, its methods of operation, and various aspects of caring for pets. Groups from nursery age up are welcome to the Shelter, making arrangements with the office.

LOV, the invaluable group of assistants who take responsibilities seemingly beyond their capabilities and get the projects done, are preparing attractive counter containers where donations may be received, and barrels to be placed in markets for cat or dog food donations.

Humane Shelter is exactly what its name conotates...an animal shelter where the animals are given excellent care and made available for adoption; where a person may learn how to really care for a pet; where a visitor looking over the many kittens, cats, pups and dogs...or any other pet...wants to take the fifteen or so of the "cutest" home.

Imagine a "Benjie" or an "Ole Yeller" or an "Astra", or even a "Morris"...there's probably one at the Shelter wanting a friendly family.

And These same animals are needing public support to keep the food supply adequate, the Shelter warm. The affection of the pet is there for the asking.

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A FRIEND, A BUDDY—Some of the current pets now at the Terre Haute Humane Shelter on S. Fruitridge Avenue are seen with volunteers and staff. Left to right are Nancy Marietta, Susan Hopkins, Jack, and Mike Lang, each with a shelter resident. All but the pony are available for adoption, the pony having a new home. (Star Photo: Kadel)

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Humane Shelter Names New Executive Director

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Visitors at the open house from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Humane Society Animal Shelter, 1811 S. Fruitridge Ave., will have opportunity also to meet the new executive director of the Shelter.

He is James Walter, 31, a 1970 graduate of Indiana State Universiy and a native of Union, N.J. According to Ron Stephenson, chairman of the Society's personnel committee, Walter assumed his duties in October.

The new director as an undergraduate majored in marketing and management and has done additional study in psychology and journalism.

JAMES WALTER

While at the University he was active in student affairs, Stephenson said, and photographer for the class yearbook. Walter had been assistant manager at a local electronics firm.

The open house is sponsored by The Society's League of Volunteers (LOV). Door prizes will be offered each hour; the individual must be present to receive the prize.

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"Bobcat" sees many changes at Humane Society

Story and photos
by Carl Roger Orth

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Erma Peterson, president of volunteer group, with Bobcat.

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Noone knows where Bobcat came from. For nearly two years the tailless cat has swaggered down Humane Society halls as a mascot. He has endured several changes of administration and he is virtually the sole survivor of the personnel shake-up several months ago.

The nine-member board of the agency on Fruitridge Avenue is starting over again with a clean slate. Jim (J.J.) Walter has replaced Bob May as executive director of the shelter. The rest of the staff of seven either resigned or were fired after the dispute. The new staff has served about four months. Joyce Roads took over the receptionist/bookkeeper job in early December. Before the personnel situation can settle down, some changes in the society's volunteer supporting organization could be in the offing.

Walter was eating some chili in his office. He stopped short. He pulled a cat hair out of his chili. One of the hazards of the job, he mused. Walter characterizes himself as "the new kid in town." The 32-year-old college graduate with a business degree readily admits his knowledge about the society was woefully limited when he beat out dozens of applicants for the job. He crammed after landing the position and attended a national conference of society officials during a three-month incubation period. Official announcement of his tenure was delayed until a few days ago.

"Things have been happening really fast out here," Walter stated. One of the first lessons he learned was to observe strict neutrality regarding veterinarians. He politely informed a lady who called that the shelter no longer offered shots for her pet. He referred her to a vet but declined to recommend any specific one.

The society, like a dog shaking water out of its hair, dismantled its animal hospital as the first order of business after the changeover. We don't run an orphanage, Walter said. The shelter sustained a "tremendous loss" when it sold all hospital equipment in the last two months. "(But) being in competition with vets is ridiculous," Walter commented. "We slapped them in the face." Nearly everybody advised the agency, "don't do it," when the hospital was opened several years ago, according to Walter. He labeled the hospital "mistakes of the past" and reassured it was "all in the past."

With the hospital defunct, the society and its new director face a more basic problem: money. The single biggest monetary problem of the society, in Walter's estimation, is the $650 per month mortgage. The county gives $15,000 to the shelter regularly. The city coughed up $15,000 this year but it does not allocate funds on a regular basis. The city and county save a lot of money thanks to the shelter, Walter said. The shelter picks up all diseased animals (Larry Marlin of the Sheriff's Department, one of the "all-around good guys," rounds up strays). Keeping possibly rabid animals for 10 days costs "a small fortune," Walter added. Cages are expensive also. Walter also pointed out, though, "we're not a dog pound."

His toughest challenge remains "public education." Educating people to neuter their pets is a big obstacle, he said. People who dump dogs and cats on the roadside entertain the cock-eyed notion, in Walter's scenario, that some kindly farmer will chance upon the animal and take it in at his household. "Bull----," Walter commented. "I was steamed," Walter said recalling a day when a half-crazed stray dog was dragged into the shelter.

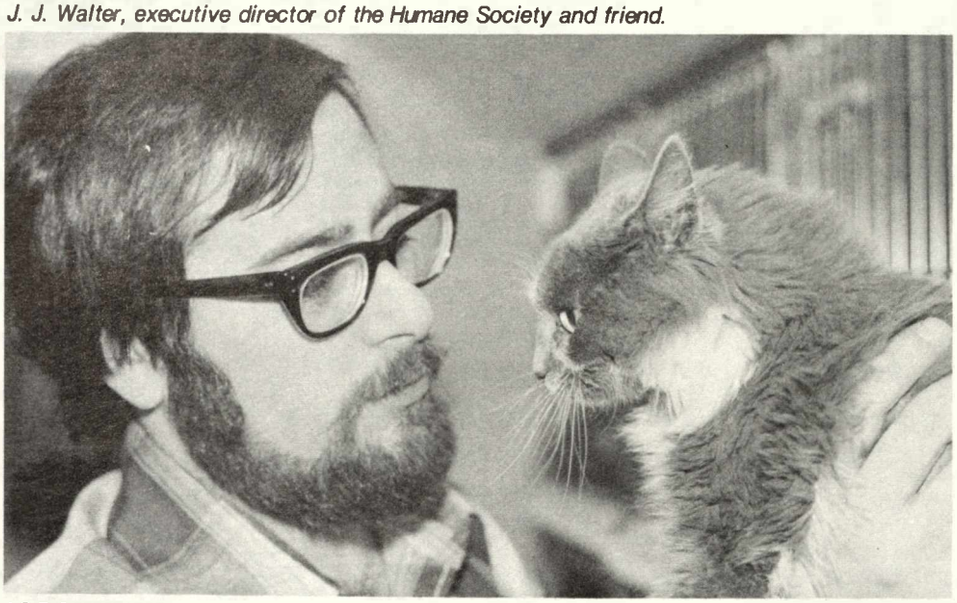
He condescendingly denounced euphemisms. "They're called 'gifts,'" he observed about unwanted animals brought to the shelter. Society employees also employ an euphemism--PTS. Used as a verb, it sounds better perhaps than put to sleep.

The shelter walks a publicity tightrope -- the hearts and flowers approach opposed to the hit 'em in the gut approach. Scare tactics can backfire, Walter pointed out. Scare tactics would prove counterproductive if people dump animals on the roadside to give them a mistaken belief of a "fighting chance" instead of sending them to the shelter. The shelter is not an orphanage, Walter concedes, but the society maintains a fairly high 20 percent adoption rate. Some cities, particularly bigger ones, do not even set adoption of animals as a goal, according to Walter.

Now that he is officially in the saddle, Walter seeks publicity for the shelter. He has already appeared on several local television spots. A television commercial starring Tramp the Dog (arranged by former director Bob May) still runs occasionally. Walter and the society board put on an open house Dec. 18 with a raffle to attract people.

But job security at the shelter is a nebulous thing. Last we heard Bob May was bartending. Apparently, only Bobcat the tailless cat can boast of job security.

J. J. Walter, executive director of the Humane Society and friend.



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Stories and drawings by students at St. Ann School

Germany

The Christmas tree began in Germany. German families gathered around the tree on Christmas eve. People decorated their trees with lights, tinsel and ornaments.

Children in Germany believe their presents are brought by the Christ Child called in German language, Christkindl. They open their gifts on Christmas eve.

The German version of Santa Claus is Saint Nicholas whose feast is on Dec. 6th. Saint Nicholas acts as a messenger of Christkindl.

The German food for Christmas is Stollen. Stollen is a long and narrow bread and is a symbol of Christ's manger. Their cookies are shaped like human beings, animals, hearts and stars.

by Tonya Nation and Bernie Cline

Drawing by Tonya Nation

Britain

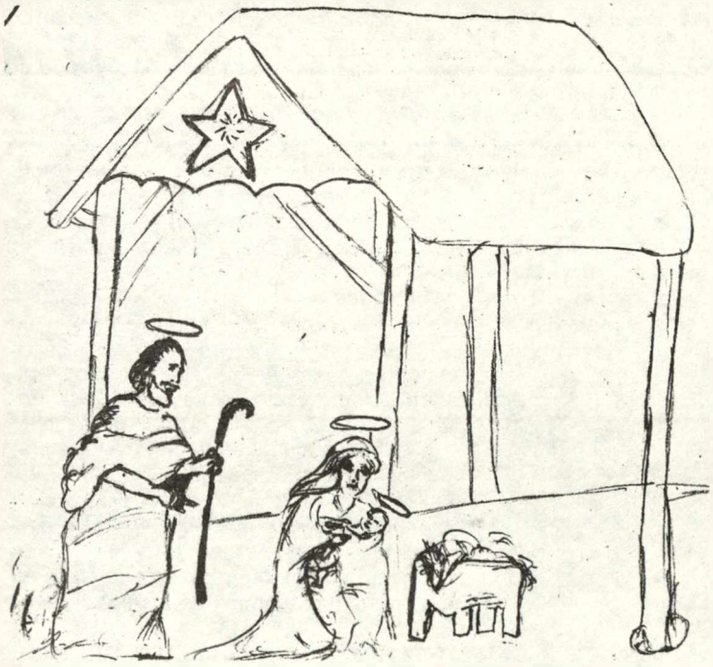
A few days before Christmas, English children go out and gather holly and mistletoe. While the children are doing this, the men are bringing in the yule log. They are singing Christmas songs and they bring in the log. They burn it to honor Thor.

On Christmas eve the children hang stockings by the fireplace hoping that Father Christmas will fill them. Father Christmas is like Santa Claus.

Drinking from the wassail is another old custom. Long ago people walked through the streets singing Christmas songs. In return they would get to drink from the wassail bowl. This is how caroling started.

by Tim Martin

Drawing by Susan Stoffell



Drawing by Jim Terstegge

Italy

In Italy on the day before Christmas in the evening, the family holds a ceremony around the Presepio, a miniature scene of Bethlehem with figures of the Holy family, sheperds, wise men, and animals. The family prays for a lovely Christmas while mother places a little figure of Bambino (infant Jesus) in the manger scene. Then the Christmas gifts are exchanged. Most gifts are given on the eve of Epiphany, Jan. 6. At that time, according to legend, La Befana, a kind old witch comes and gives the gifts to the children. La Befana was a young woman who lost her husband and son. One day she went out in the world to look for the Christ Child, but she never found Him. She had taken a basket of toys for the Christ Child. She was an old woman when she came to Italy so she decided to give up her search. She gave her toys to the young children and has done the same every year, according to legend.

by Laurie Vondersmith and Susan Stoffel

Assoc (T.H.)

Walter resigns Humane post

Terre Haute Humane Shelter's executive director has resigned.

J. J. Walter, who was hired under a 90-day trial period Oct. 3, officially resigned the position effective Friday.

Walter told The TRIBUNE Friday afternoon that he was asked by Humane Society Board of Directors to resign his position Wednesday.

A board member said the board of directors, with Walter present, discussed renewal of his contract Dec. 29 and Walter at that time was asked to resign.

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The Humane Society's League of Volunteers was dissolved as of Dec. 31 and the volunteer group will be restructured under the direct supervision of the board of directors, according to board member Rosemary Perdiew.

Mrs. Perdiew said the group will have closer supervision so it can be better coordinated and further its volunteer activities.

Mrs. Perdiew said Jack Redman, the shelter's manager, is handling the facility with a house committee above him.

"Everything is being taken care of," Mrs. Perdiew said. "One member of the board is at the shelter for at least an hour every day."

Walter said he did not want to "blame anyone" for his resignation, but he hinted that "politics" was involved. Walter preferred not to elaborate on that claim.

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Veterinarians Agree To Aid Humane Shelter Operations

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Several local veterinarians have agreed to assist in certain aspects of the operations of the Terre Haute Hunane Society's Animal Shelter, according to a report presented by Jack Redman, Shelter manager, at the Thursday night meeting of the Society's board of directors.

According to a report of the board meeting by Jack Munsee, a member of the society, Redman also reported that of the 790 pets received recently at the Shelter, 136 were adopted and 658 put to sleep; he indicated that an average of about 20 per cent of the animals coming into the Shelter were adopted.

Ron Stephenson, chairman of the personnel committee, reported on a new plan for refinancing the Shelter facility.

William Cook, president of the board, told The Star Friday that the plan was approved by the board and would involve payment of a lump sum on the mortgage for the Shelter to reduce the principal and an extension of the time requirement, thus reducing the monthly payments by about $150.00. The action will reduce the monthly payments to "about $494.00," Cook said.

He also stated that there were no plans "to replace the executive director for the immediate future."

James Walter resigned the position Jan. 6. Cook said Walter had a 90-day contract which had gone into effect Oct. 3, 1977.

In other business Thurday night, new board members Norma Toon and Dave McConkey were introduced and Mrs. Rosemarie Perdiew appointed to direct the activities of non-board members wishing to assist in the work of the Society.

The Society's newsletter, Wagtail, will be published next month by McConkey, Dorothy Cox, Norma Toon and other members of the Society.

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Animals (TH)

Shelter to have new manager

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Terre Haute's Human Shelter is to have another manager.

Rosemary Perdiew, of the Humane Society, confirmed Thursday that Jack Redman, who served as shelter manager after Bob May was released last year, resigned effective March 3.

Mrs. Perdiew declined to announce the new manager, who was to start Friday. She said the society was to prepare a press release next week.

Two other shelter employees were released, Mrs. Perdiew also announced. She said an evaluation was conducted of the personnel at the shelter and the changes resulted.

The new manager is a man "well experienced in shelter management," Mrs. Perdiew said.

The shelter's executive director, who was to be a promoter and fund raiser, resigned a few months ago. J. J. Walter held the post, but he left and Redman was given responsibility for shelter management with assistance from the board of directors.

Though several changes have been made at the animal shelter, Mrs. Perdiew said "the animals are being well taken care of."

She said three employees are working presently and members of the board of directors have been managing the shelter since Redman left two weeks ago.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Perdiew said 29 dogs were brought into the shelter Wednesday alone and some have said this has "been the worst year for stray dogs," she added.

Mrs. Perdiew asked area owners of female dogs to keep pets confined when in season. She said two dog bites were reported last week, both of which resulting from a pack of stray dogs roaming the area.

All and all, Mrs. Perdiew was optimistic. "As of this week, everything is all right," she said.

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New manager to be named at Humane shelter

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Jerry Riley, in the same position two years ago, was to be named shelter manager for Terre Haute's Humane Society Monday.

Rosemary Perdiew, of the Humane Society, announced Monday morning Riley would be taking over shelter management duties today. A press conference was slated for 2 p.m. Monday at the shelter for a formal announcement.

Riley, who Mrs. Perdiew described as "well experienced in shelter management," is succeeding Jack Redman, who resigned effective March 3. She said Riley was manager two years ago, prior to taking a job in Oregon.

Redman took over for Bob May, released last year. The shelter also had an executive director, J.J. Walter, who resigned a few months ago.

Mrs. Perdiew said it is unlikely the executive director position will be filled.

She said two employees were also recently dismissed at the shelter after a personnel evaluation process.

Three employees are presently working, she said, and members of the board of directors have been managing the shelter since Redman left two weeks ago.

Meanwhile, abandoned and roaming dogs in Vigo County claimed the attention of concerned members of the Terre Haute Humane Society who have issued a release on the subject under the name of Jack R. Munsee as spokesman.

According to that report, "Prosecution of violators of animal control laws was discussed, and members of (the group) wish to remind dog owners that such laws and ordinances are in effect in Vigo County and in the City of Terre Haute. These laws carry fines and-or imprisonment for abandoning or abusing animals. . . ."

The report continued, "The public is reminded that at this time of year, unspayed female dogs are in season and the plea is made to owners to confine such dogs."

With the added note that no dogs are legally free to roam, the report advised that the group will meet again 1:30 p.m. April 9 at St. Mark's United Church on Fruitridge Avenue and all interested people are invited to attend.

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Humane Society states new policy

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By ROB ALLEN
Tribune Staff Writer

Terre Haute Humane Society's Board of Directors vice president and recently named shelter manager have issued a press release defining their press release policy.

Rosemarie Perdiew, board vice president, and Jerry Rlley, who officially took over shelter management duties Monday, signed the release which defined who can issue news releases on behalf of the Humane Society.

The communique begins, "It has come to our attention that news releases have been submitted to the print and brodadcast media on behalf of the Humane Society without the knowledge or consent of either the shelter director or the board of directors."

Therefore, it continues, "Any release submitted ... must bear the prior approval of either the shelter director or the board of directors.

"No media release submitted to you purportedly on behalf of the society shall be considered a valid, official statement if it does not carry the above legitimate authorization."

Mrs. Perdiew and Riley go on to say, "Those releases that lack official approval—submitted by concerned individuals or groups on behalf of the shelter—do not have the official sanction of the society. Releases from these questionable sources that you choose to print/broadcast should be labeled as from 'unauthorized' or 'outside' sources to avoid confusion."

The statement also notes the policy applies only to materials "released on behalf of the society" and does not refer to "news items that a reporter might uncover and submit."

Mrs. Perdiew, contacted at her home Friday morning, preferred not to comment on the release.

Jack R. Munsee, who identified himself as a member of the Humane Society concerned about abandoned and roaming dogs, issued a press release Monday about that concern.

Mrs. Perdiew would not say if her release was in reaction to that release. Munsee was also contacted Friday morning and he preferred not to comment on the matter either.

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HUMANE SHELTER CONFERENCE — Terre Haute Humane Society Board of Directors President Bill Cook, right, and board member Ron Stephenson answer reporters' questions Monday at a press conference conducted at the Humane Shelter. Cook called upon "all Society members and the general public to pledge support for the benefit of the animals." Other board members and shelter manager Jerry Riley were also on hand. House of Photography

Humane Shelter policies explained by directors

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By ROB ALLEN
Tribune Staff Writer

Board members of Terre Haute's Humane Society conducted a news conference at the animal shelter Monday to discuss new policies and call for a pledge of support from the community.

Board President Bill Cook read from a prepared statement and then board members and Shelter Manager Jerry Riley, back after a two-year stay in Oregon, answered questions.

Among the new policies noted by Cook were a "new and improved" newspaper—the "WAG-TALE"—to keep the community informed of Society activities, a new euthanizing procedure for small animals, inoculation of all animals that are adopted and a "Visiting Vet Program" in which six local veterinarians are to donate time each month to the shelter.

Cook said the veterinarian help would improve health standards for animals and "allow for each of our employees to be given instruction in all phases of handling animals humanely."

Riley said the shelter is averaging about 200 incoming animals a week and about 80 percent of those are euthanized. He admitted the adoption figure was low, but said it is similar to the national average.

Cook said the Society wants "good adoptions" and will refuse an adoption to persons who have a past history of bad treatment to animals.

Cook said the board conducts meetings the second Thursday of each month. He said Society members have the opportunity to supply input into board actions and decisions.

He added the board would consider suggestions from anyone in the community to improve the shelter and better the treatment of animals.

In concluding his statement Cook said, "We call upon all Society members and the general public to pledge support for the benefit of the animals. Any persons wishing to volunteer their time and effort may do so by contacting either Rosemairie Perdiew, ... who is chairman of all volunteer efforts, or our manager, Jerry Riley, at 232-0293."

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Too many pets

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Animal control painful

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By CAROLYN TOOPS
Tribune-Star Writer

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Deputy Larry Marlin, animal control officer for the Vigo County Sheriff's Department, says he gets a tetanus shot every year, "whether I need it or not."

He probably needs it. Hardly a week goes by that he doesn't get scratched or bitten or kicked by the assorted animals he picks up and delivers to the Terre Haute Humane Shelter.

Most of Marlin's hauls are cats and dogs, though he claims he's brought "everything but a cobra" to the Humane Shelter. Friday one of his catches was a large wood owl with a broken wing, somewhere along Interstate 70. A conservation officer then assumed custody of the battered bird.

Marlin has been on the VCSD for eight years and has been serving as the animal control officer for five years. He works the entire county except the City of Terre Haute and the town of West Terre Haute.

(Cityside, two policemen — Doug Bensinger and Cedric Norman — perform similar duties.)

Marlin averages about 15 calls a day, many of them involving dogs running loose. But, only about one of 100 investigations results in arrests.

The human offender gets three warnings — two from the sheriff's department and the final one from the prosecutor's office. Usually that's sufficient to get voluntary action to correct the situation. In a few cases (several each month during the summer) cruelty to animals charges are filed, usually in County Court Division 4. Defendants may be fined $25 and costs if found guilty of a misdemeanor.

Though police officers may shoot animals under certain conditions, Marlin says he doesn't except as a last resort. One example would be when dogs are causing a lot of trouble, endangering people or other animals, he added.

George Merchant, an investigator for the prosecutor's office, agrees that letters get better results than shooting. When a case does go to court, it is usually initiated by the Humane Society. Photos help the state make its case. On two recent occasions, the evidence was put into a freezer, just in case, but was not actually brought into court, Merchant said.

Jerry Riley, manager of the Humane Shelter, supplied statistics for July. The Shelter received a total of 1,275 animals — 662 dogs, 578 cats and 35 miscellaneous. Of these, individuals brought in 563 dogs, 553 cats and 30 miscellaneous. The police officers brought in the rest. The Shelter picked up between 25 and 30 injured animals in July.

What happened to them?

A few — a pitifully small number — were adopted. Kittens and puppies stand a better chance of being adopted than older animals.

"There just aren't 1,275 homes," Riley said. "The majority of the cats and dogs are cute, but surplus. About 30 percent are sick," he continued.

So 519 dogs and 546 cats were "put to sleep" last month. That brutal fact is hard to take — for Riley, for Shelter employees and the general public.

"It goes against nature. It's depressing. Yet so-called responsible pet owners put us in this position by letting their animals breed," Riley commented.

"They bring their unwanted pets to us and then blame the Humane Society for being a slaughterhouse," he remarked.

Riley believes a spaying and neutering program can help reduce those figures and save the city and county money, since there won't be as many animals to pick up.

Locally, efforts are under way through Operation Spay to encourage pet owners to take more responsibility for pet population control. A reduction in the number is vital, Riley preaches.

He estimates from 80 to 89 percent of the animals brought to the Shelter are "surplus." The problem is not just a local one. Those same figures hold for the rest of the United States, Riley stresses.

"Something's got to be done," he's convinced.

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Operation Spay

People can help improve the plight of pets

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By Michael G. Hibbard

Of 5,845 animals taken in at the Terre Haute Humane Society's shelter from April through September of this year, some 5,018 never left. Many of the animals, mostly cats and dogs, were sick and had to be put to sleep; but some were just not wanted.

The employees at the shelter pick up sick or injured animals and will accept strays brought in as gifts by the general public and city or county law enforcement officers.

Strays and unwanted animals, brought into the shelter without collars or identification tags, are immediately given a ticket, receive their first shot, their first worming and are held in kennels for three days.

If determined to be healthy, they are taken to one of three areas in the shelter: the kennel, where rows of caged dogs bark relentlessly at the sound of approaching humans; the small feline area and the small canine area to be put on display for potential adopters.

Jerry Riley, the director of the shelter for 12 years, said that animals put on display must be appealing to the general public with good health and temperament.

If a dog or cat has not been adopted after a reasonable amount of time (without public appeal), it is put to sleep to make room for an increasing number of incoming animals.

Some animals that have bitten people and must, according to state law, be confined for a period of time, are at times brought to the shelter by owners who have no place to keep them. They are quarantined for a ten-day to two-week observation period to determine if the animal has rabies.

"If they survive the quarantine period, the animals are assumed to be healthy as far as rabies are concerned," Riley said. They are then returned to their owners or put up for adoption.

"To my knowledge," said Assistant Manager Marge Dean, "There has not been a case of rabies in a domesticated animal in Vigo County in the last 50 years."

Hoping to adopt out more animals, the humane society has set up a low-income, spay-neuter program in which the cost of spaying or neutering an animal, excluding deposit, can be paid for in monthly installments during a 12-month period.

A city ordinance requires all animals leaving the shelter be altered (spayed or neutered), which the new owner would agree to follow through with, Riley said.

To qualify for the program, a person must be self-sustaining (must have a job or other income), earn less than $6,500 annually (add $500 for each dependent-up to three exemptions), must be 21 years old and a resident of Vigo County.

Riley hopes the program will financially replenish itself each month and ease the burden on people in the community who had wished to have their pets spayed or neutered.

"I believe that this is a program that the Vigo County area has needed for a long time," he said.

The shelter has a complete history of each animal taken in, said Dean. Although, to date, the shelter has only cats, dogs, kittens and puppies in residence; it has had hamsters, gerbils, possum, baby raccoons, snakes and a pony.

"We do not adopt out any wildlife animals," said Riley. "If they are healthy, we release them back to the wild."

Adoption fees (donations) for cats and dogs, now in the shelter are $5 and $10 respectively with alteration fee deposits ranging from $7.50 for male kittens to $12 for female dogs and female puppies. The humane society issues a $3 rabies voucher, which counts against the price of a rabies shot for adopted adult dogs.

Owners, whose animals are impounded or who wish to keep their animal at the shelter, are charged a $5 impounding fee and $2 board per day. Proof of rabies shot is required.

The humane society, a non-profit organization established under the same regulations as the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), is located at 1811 S. Fruitridge Ave. and, except for holidays, is open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for incoming animals and from 1 to 5 p.m. for adoptions.

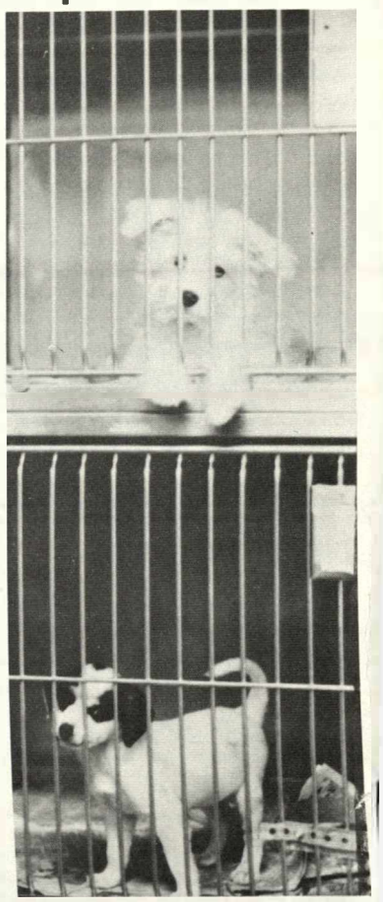
If you have lost your dog, take the advice of Donna Pitts, a kennel helper who resides in Seelyville and hopes to go into dog grooming:

"People check here last for their lost dogs; but really, it's the most logical place to check."

Riley also encourages the residents of the community to check with the humane shelter regarding their lost pets.

"Another way to assure you can get your pet properly returned to you is to make sure that each pet is wearing proper identification. It makes the pet's stay at the humane shelter shorter," he said.

Looking for homes



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Puzzling, enigmatic, mystifying, fascinating

By Ron LaRoche

Robert Altman's "3 Women" puzzles and mystifies as an enigma that some people will find fascinating, but that others will find devoid of sense or structure.

Two women punch time clocks and dip elderly people into therapeutic pools and baths along a physiotherapy assembly line in Palm Springs, California.

Millie Lammoreaux (Shelly Duvall) lives her life from the pages of "Cosmopolitan" and deceives herself to believe that she is the sun around which other people revolve.

The only person dazzled by Millie is Pinky Rose (Sissy Spacek) who admires the self-absorbed chatterbox and her dinners of Pringles, spreads and dips, and wine served in elegant plastic goblets.

The last of the titled three women glides around the periphery of the movie. Willie (Janice Rule) paints weird pictures on the bottoms of swimming pools and runs a decrepit western cowboy park. She is pregnant.

Willie's husband (Robert Fortier) is the one constant in all three lives. He swaggers through the movie full of plastic manliness and says hello to people by executing fast draws.

Roles reverse between Millie and Pinky after Pinky attempts suicide. Millie becomes motherly and Pinky's innocence twists as she becomes tough and starts screwing Edgar.

Altman does not stay with this reversal, but goes one step further with the trio assuming roles of grandmother, mother, and daughter, all roles that have been denied them in life.

The visual beauty, the fine acting and the puzzling story all combine in a stunning description of American grotesque. "3 Women" is a tantalizing, hilarious, and mysterious movie about pain, loss, betrayal, cruelty and sham.

Fascinating.

(Recommended for all audiences. At 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday only at the Community Theatre, 1431 South Twenty-fifth Street.)

Try Sullivan next time

"The Boys from Brazil" is a stupid movie. It wastes 90 minutes of good suspense with a ludicrous ending that looks as physically tacked on as it is intellectually barren.

For 90 minutes something happens, something strange and mysterious. Then the tortured explanations begin and the movie ends in torture for the audience.

A Nazi (Gregory Peck) in Paraguay has concocted a cloning method that he thinks will resurrect the Nazis in a Fourth Reich. Laurence Olivier is his Jewish nemesis, an old Nazi-hunter.

Assassins are sent with precise instructions as part of the Nazi plan. There is menace to this part of the movie as scenes shift rapidly and build to an anticipated suspenseful climax.

The climax comes in a bloody and ridiculous ending full of vicious attack dogs and flying bullets in a two-man showdown that diminishes a fairly good movie into a poor one.

(Recommended for adult audiences. Honey Creek Square.)

'Magic' is not misdirected enough

What could have been a genuine thriller cools down into a standard psychotic-mixed-with-love-triangle movie in "Magic."

Anthony Hopkins tries his best, and the good parts have to be credited to him and Burgess Meredith, but overall William Goldman has fashioned a weak screenplay from his book and director Richard Attenborough loses hold of the movie after the first half an hour.

Corky (Anthony Hopkins) performs magic. He performs it poorly without any audience support until he adds a large-headed dummy named Fats to the act. Fats is described as an X-rated dummy, but R is more like it.

Corky's problems begin when his personality becomes mixed with Fats, and people, especially his agent (Meredith) begin to see the ominous combining as a split psychotic personality.

Ann-Margaret cannot handle a subdued role slowly melting away as the wife of a loutish, stereotypical jealous husband (Ed Lauter) whom Corky visits in the Catskills after running away from Manhattan, a physical examination and possible success. It's like Dolly Parton playing Ophelia.

Grade B horror movies are as well made with as much of a story line, and besides that, they're more fun.

At one point in the movie, magic is described as "misdirection." Not explaining why Corky splits into battling personalities, one psychotic, is not misdirection, but ignoring responsibility. How about the early scenes of memory of a father playing football with another son, the returning to an old home, the returning to a cemetery? Are we just supposed to forget all of this. The movie does not misdirect enough, its weaknesses still show.

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Sheriff Atelski in meeting with Humane Society board

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Many problems currently plaguing the Terre Haute Humane Society were aired during the January meeting of the Terre Haute Humane Society board of directors.

Board members were especially pleased because newly elected Vigo County Sheriff Andrew Atelski attended the meeting, shared in the discussion and pledged his office's cooperation, a spokesman for the board advised.

"One phone call was all that was necessary," according to board member Linda Shaker, "in order to have Sheriff Atelski attend the session which was conducted at the Society's Shelter on South Fruitridge Avenue."

A major problem, according to William E. Cook, board president, is the pick-up of stray animals and the control of animals running at large within the city limits.

"What many Vigo County residents do not realize," Cook emphasized, "is that the Humane Society is only responsible for the calls regarding injured animals in both the city and county."

"The Vigo County Sheriff's Department employs one full-time officer to serve as Animal Control Officer for the county," Cook explained. "Likewise, the city police department employs two full-time officers, and furnishes two vehicles for the pick-up of strays and the control of animals running at large within the city limits," he concluded.

"What seems ironic to us," according to Rose Marie Perdiew, board vice president, "is that Marlin has an area of 390.27 square miles to cover, while there are two full-time officers to cover an area of 24.73 square miles within the city."

Shelter Manager Jerry Riley reported: "We receive calls daily at the shelter asking us to pick up strays in both city and county areas. Often, the callers have already contacted the Sheriff's department or the City Police Department but received no results. Within the last six-month period, from July through December 1978, we have handled 5,391 animals at the Shelter. Considering the time required by the staff to care for this many incoming animals," Riley continued, "it's all we can do to answer all calls, city and county, pertaining to the injured animals." During this same six-month period only 421 animals were brought to the shelter by both city officers. The county accounted for only 170," Riley concluded.

"It is apparent that something has to give," said Mrs. Shaker, "when our records show there were 17 days during December when not one animal was brought in by the city officers. The county's record was even worse, with 28 days during December and 24 days during November during which no animals were brought in. Yet the shelter constantly received calls on these days regarding animals running at large."

"We, at the shelter, are not only concerned with the pick-up of the strays, but are also very concerned with the treatment these animals receive while being picked up," stated board member Rita Auten.

Sheriff Atelski reportedly agreed with the Board that, ideally, it would be much to the community's benefit,

Shelter resident and friends

Terre Haute Humane Society board members welcomed newly elected Vigo County Sheriff Andrew Atelski to their January meeting at the Shelter. Stray animal pick-up was one of the problems discussed. Shown from the left are Dorothy Cox, new board member; Atelski; Barbara Jorritsma, new board member; Jerry Riley, shelter manager; and William Cook, board president. Ruel Burns Jr., also a newly elected board member, is not shown.

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as well as the animals' welfare, if the funds and vehicles for the three Animal Control Officers could be channeled directely to the shelter, and kept completely separate from governmental agencies and politics. "Then we could be assured that the people performing these duties would at least be individuals who have a love and concern for the welfare of animals," the board asserted.

"Sheriff Atelski pledged his full support to improving the county's performance," the report from the Humane Society board noted, adding, "If all newly elected public officials seemed half as interested as Atelski in performing duties required by their office, our community would certainly be a better place in which to live. Unfortunately, city officials, in the past, have been unable to meet with the board. However, it is hoped that a meeting can be arranged in the near future."

Cook announced the addition of newly elected members, Mrs. Dorothy Cox, Mrs. Barbara Jorritsma and Ruel Burns Jr. Re-elected members for three years are Rose Marie Perdiew, Dave McConkey and Linda Shaker. Those re-elected for two-year terms include Rita Auten, William Cook and Richard Cross. One year terms will be served by re-elected members Amy Wigginton and Norma Toon.

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Humane Shelter officials name executive director

Officials of the Terre Haute Humane Shelter Tuesday announced a new executive director.

Ron Wallace was named to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Jerry Riley. Riley resigned his post in mid-February. Wallace has been working at the shelter for the past two weeks.

Prior to coming to Terre Haute, Wallace served as an administrator with the American Humane Association in Colorado.

Wallace said his primary duties will include public relations work, fund raising and developing an overall program for the shelter. The new executive director said there would be no specific changes at the shelter at this time.

Wallace has a one year contract with the society which is renewable, according to a news release.

Storm of dissent hovers over Humane Society animal shelter

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By Carl Orth

Intense divisions in opinion by board members of the Terre Haute Humane Society are unfolding after a dog bite case in December, 1979. Dissent over the incident which involved the animal shelter already has exacted a heavy toll: the firing of executive director Ron Wallace, a resignation in protest by one board member and the contemplation of a lawsuit against the Humane Society.

Leonard Keith is consulting with an attorney about a lawsuit. Keith argues the Humane Society may have prematurely released seven dogs on the same day when one of the dogs bit him at Mace Service auto repair garage on Dec. 16. Without confirmation of the immunization of the dogs against rabies, Keith was subjected to a series of 14 painful shots during the Christmas holidays. The injections caused Keith great discomfort and swelling. He lost nearly a month of work due to sickness according to Keith.

The Keiths charge that Humane Society officials did no cooperate fully in tracing the owner of the dogs. The dogs, four pups and three adults, belonged to a Betsy Van Schoon with addresses in a Denver suburb and a small town in Arizona. She supposedly was traveling to New York. Some calls were placed, but apparently may have proved inconclusive in finding Schoon.

Tickets from Humane Society files authorized the release of the dogs. The tickets are dated Dec. 16, the same day as the biting. They are signed by Betsy Van Schoon Under the category "Shots" on the form, a checkbox labeled "Unknown" is checked.

Handling (or mishandling) of the incident upset a number of the 11 board members. Board members quizzed Wallace about the case several months later when the incident came to light. Later, they discontinued his contract which came up for renewal Feb. 28, but employed him without a contract. In early March he was dismissed. Wallace was the third executive director in two years. Kennel manager Marge Dean will continue to supervise daily operations.

Rumors have been confirmed that discussion at an April board meeting will center on rehiring of Wallace. Board president Bill Cook said the subject might be broached. Wallace himself also said "there is a possibility of being reemployed." He added, "I've some board members working for me (for his reemployment) and realize the good program we had and want to keep it going." Both men declined to discuss specifics. Some board members suggest the position be abolished and no replacement for Wallace be hired.

But Linda Shaker, who served four years on the board, summed up the polarization of feelings that the Wallce flap has caused. Shaker, though, resigned March 13 specifically in protest of the handling of the Keith dog bite case. She stressed her objections lie with board policies, not the ideals and goals of the Humane Society itself. She will continue to volunteer her time for certain shelter projects, she said. She expressed a keen interest in animals, but not board politics.

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Bell Animal Hospital To Open Temporary Quarters At City Humane Society Shelter

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Bell Animal Hospital will open temporary quarters at the Terre Haute Humane Society shelter, 1811 S. Fruitridge Ave., Dr. Iverson Bell, owner, said Tuesday.

Bell said the board of directors at the humane shelter made it possible for him to reopen his veterinary practice as soon as possible.

The former building at 1543 Elm St. was destroyed by fire.

The fire destroyed the building and equipment used at the animal hospital and also killed nine pets on the premises at the time of the fire.

Bell said he hopes the temporary location at the Humane Society shelter will not be an inconvenience to his clients or to the shelter, and he expressed a desire to re-establish work in a permanent location as soon as possible.

Bell is chairman of the board of the Indiana Medicine Association and was vice president of the national organization.

In addition to his professional achievements, Bell has contributed much of his time to civic affairs. He is now in his fourth term as a member of the Vigo County School Corp. Board of Trustees.

Bell said he does not know whether he will try to rebuild at the burned-out site or seek a new location. "Much depends upon the opinions of the experts regarding the feasibility of rebuilding on our location or whether we should start from scratch with a new site," Bell said.

"In the meantime, I certainly want to thank the many people in the community who have stopped at the old building or who have written or called me and expressed their sympathy and concern. The other veterinarians in the community have been wonderful in their offers of help, and I certainly appreciate that," he

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FOR CANINE COMFORT — Mrs. Marge Dean, left, manager of the Terre Haute Humane Shelter, is pictured as she lifts an injured stray dog from the new ambulance for animals which the Humane Society bought with contributions from Wabash Valley area citizens. The ambulance went into service this past weekend. It provides four compartments and an air blower in the roof for ventilation. Mrs. Dean said hopefully the vehicle will be equipped with a citizen's band radio to save time and gasoline when calls come in to the shelter at 1811 S. Fruitridge Ave. Mrs. Rosemarie Perdieu is vice president of the society.

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Local Couple Convicted Of Cruelty To Animal

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A Terre Haute couple received a suspended $250-fine and 10-day jail sentence after they were convicted of cruelty to an animal Tuesday in Vigo County Court Division 5.

David and Debbie Fredrick, 1009A Maple Ave., were arrested Jan. 3 after investigators found their dog's neck had grown over its chain and the chain was imbedded approximately three inches in the dog's neck.

The situation was investigated by the ~~Terre Haute Humane Society~~ and Terre Haute Police Departnent after a complaint was received by a neighbor.

Judge Robert Howard Brown found the Fredricks guilty and he suspended the jail sentence and all but $50 of the fine and costs. He ordered them placed on informal probation for six months.

Deputy Prosecutor James C. Walker presented the state's case against the Fredricks.

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Fifth anniversary of League for Animal Welfare

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Today is a red-letter day for the League for Animal Welfare marking the fifth anniversary of the organization.

On March 19, 1978, a history sketch of LAW reports, "……a small group of concerned and caring individuals met to formulate a definite program to reduce and/or relieve the suffering of unwanted animals, with their ultimate goal being to control — through education, publicity and sterilization — the breeding of surplus animals."

Operation Spay is the major project of the League and, the report continues, "We have made great strides in this program during the past five years. We are approaching the 1,000th surgery this month. Funding for the program is obtained through donations, membership dues and the little red canisters placed in and through the courtesy of local business firms. Our other source of income is our annual spring flea market and booths operated at the fall Honey Creek Bazaar."

It is noted that all money received is used for animal welfare.

"Operation of the League is a work of love, volunteered and performed by League members. We have progressed with determined optimism and perseverance and, as we begin another year, the League for Animal Welfare offers sincere appreciation to all whose loyal support and friendship has helped to make our progress possible."

The group is now collecting items for the fifth annual spring flea market April 8-9 at 1250 Lafayette Ave. "Anything saleable is welcome — clothing, new, used or antique furniture, knick-knacks, art work, appliances — anything that anyone wants to donate."

An item to be donated to the annual sale project may be taken to the Lafayette Avenue address any day except Monday, or a League member will pick it up by appointment. Additional information may be obtained by calling 877-9452, 234-3044 or 877-1063.

The next meeting of the organization will be conducted 7 p.m. March 30 in the lower level meeting room of the Vigo County Public Library main building. Vigo County Prosecutor Eric Abel will be the guest speaker. Anyone interested in the projects of the League is invited to attend.

Friends

Muffin's friend is Steve Rininger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rininger. Muffin's folks are Mr. and Mrs. Russell Peterson of East Wabash Avenue, active in the League for Animal Welfare. The picture is from the Petersons' album, recording this moment of sharing enjoyed by Steve and Muffin during a visit.

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Terre Haute Humane Society celebrating PAW month

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By Marge Dean
Terre Haute Humane Society

The Terre Haute Humane Society will join veterinarians, humane societies, community groups, schools and libraries across the country in a nationwide salute to dogs and cats during Pets Are Wonderful month. The fourth annual celebration recognizes the many benefits of pets to people and the need for responsible pet care.

Leading the month's festivities is Betty White, a lifelong pet-lover and Emmy Award-winning actress. White was named National Honorary Chairperson of the PAW, a national not-for-profit, public service organization dedicated to communicating the joys and rewards of responsible pet ownership. White is a leading authority on the healthful relationships between people and pets, the subjects of the new book, Betty White's "Pet LOVE."

White is also president of the Morris Animal Foundation and has served as a board member of the American Humane Association, and as a member of the board of Trustees of the Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association since 1974.

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PAW Month is divided into four week-long salutes. April 1-6 is set aside for Pet Adoption Week. Pet Care Week is scheduled for April 7-13, Humane Education Week is planned on April 14-20 and Human/companion animal bond week on April 21-27.

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Humane Society chief believes cat, dognapper on loose in area

By Dave Delaney
Tribune-Star Staff Reporter

Although city, county and state police say they have not received an unusual number of reports on stolen pets, Terre Haute Humane Society director Marge Dean believes some dognapping is occurring in the Terre Haute area.

"We've had reports of people stealing both cats and dogs," said Dean, "but it's just hearsay." People sometimes steal dogs and cats to sell to experimental laboratories or colleges and universities, she said.

"Some people take them to larger cities like Chicago to sell at a higher price," she said.

Anyone who sees a non-uniformed person apprehending a dog or cat, should call police, Dean said. "People have called in saying they let their dogs out for just a couple minutes to use the bathroom and then never saw them again," she said.

Michelle Skaggs believes her mixed-breed Malamute Huskey was stolen. "I got him when I was stationed in Alaska and I want him back," said Skaggs, who lives near Memorial Stadium, Wabash and Brown avenues. She claims other pet-owners in that neighborhood have reported dogs being stolen.

Spokesmen for the Vigo County Sheriff's Department, Terre Haute City Police Department and the Indiana State Police, Terre Haute, said the respective departments have not received an unusual number of reports of stolen dogs.

Dean said the Humane Society never sells animals to experimental labs or universities. The Humane Society puts animals to sleep (has them killed) only under extreme circumstances, she said. "We only do it if the animals are extremely sick or mean."

The Humane Society director said they sometimes keep cats and dogs for half a year or more until they are adopted.

"I'd resign before I'd let anyone take animals out of here for experimentation purposes," Dean said.

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Dawn Cornelius cried when she left the Terre Haute Humane Society one day last autumn, and it not too much later the Committee to Save the Animals was formed.

What brought the 14-year-old to tears was seeing that too many puppies and kittens at the Humane Society, 1811 S. Fruitridge, might never find a home — and might be put to distroyed.

"After seeing those animals I decided I wanted to do something about it," said Cornelius, an eighth grader at Sarah Scott Junior High School. What Cornelius and other students in teacher Judy Elsey's school science club did was form the Committee to Save the Animals.

The students raised money and will give $20 to someone seeking to have their pet spayed or neutered.

"Too many people let their dogs and cats run loose that aren't spayed or neutered," said Jennifer Hinkle, 14, a member of the science club. "The result is a lot of unwanted puppies and kittens."

Although the spay-neuter program is only several months old, the science club has performed public service work at the Humane Society for three years.

"We come out on Thursdays to change papers in the kennels, walk the dogs and sometimes take a puppy or kitten to a nursing home," Hinkle said.

People interested in applying for the $20 for spaying or neutering should contact the Humane Society at 232-0293.

Students have raised $288 by staging a roller skating party and selling candy. They hope to sponsor a booth at a spring carnival to raise more money.

Humane Society Director Marge Dean is impressed with the youngsters' efforts.

"I'm real proud of these kids," she said. "It makes me feel good because there's so much written about teen-agers in the media that isn't good. These kids are doing a real fine thing."

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Humane treatment: Dawn Cornelius (left), Jennifer Hinkle play with puppies.